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CHAPTER 1

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ELNA...
ELNA...!
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
YES...
FATHER...
MANAGING THE KINGDOM WHILE IT IS IN A STATE OF CHAOS IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER.
.....
SOON I WILL BE SUMMONED TO HEAVEN...
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU WILL BE CELEBRATED AS THIS KINGDOM'S RULER...
SUCH THINGS, FATHER.
TO ME, THEY'RE STILL...
Princess is a hereditary post after all
AND SO... ELNA. TO BECOME THE RULER, YOU WILL NEED A "SHADOW."
GO OUT, AND FIND... YOUR "SHADOW."

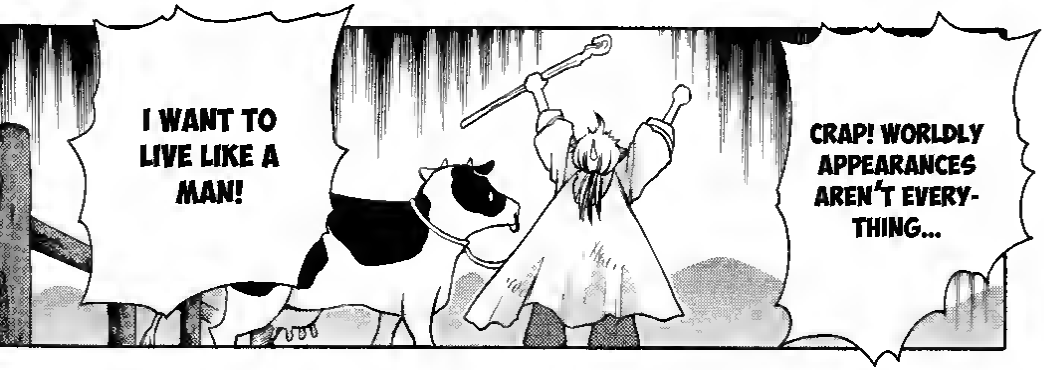
Chapter 1:
Welcome, You in the Mirror
"SHADOW?"

Once upon a time...
This is the story of a small kingdom with no sea, built in the mountains.
I HAVE LOVED YOU SINCE LONG AGO!
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!

Mooo……
……
…HUH?
ARE YOU MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING?
TESHIO-SAN! I'M SERIOUS!!
'M GING OU!
NO WAY! JUST HOLD ON.
ME! I'M MALE.
TESHIO (AGE 16, ♂)

TEXT: SHUDDER

Teshio-saaan♡♡
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO COME NEAR ARE PERVERTED GUYS.
♪Still, manly guys are the best
PFFT
I'd like to rely on girly Teshio-kun
I'LL NEVER GET A GIRL LOOKING LIKE THIS!!


I WANT TO LIVE LIKE A MAN!
CRAP! WORLDLY APPEARANCES AREN'T EVERY-THING...

PFFT
FUFUFU
KUKUKU
THAT'S TRUE... I'VE GOT FARMING TO DO...
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, LOOKING AFTER YOU GUYS IS EVERYTHING.
Moo. I want to go back to the barn
ARE YOU COM-FORTING ME...?
HANAKO ...
Moo
Cheer up!

WELL, WELL.
Munch Munch
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE WORDS OF COWS?
... EH
BLUSH
OF... OF COURSE NOT... I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF...
...OR RATHER, WHO IS THIS CHICK?
.....

I'VE NEVER SEEN THE LIKE.
AND SUCH A BEAUTIFUL ONE AT THAT...
TE-SHI-O SAN...
EH ...?
YOU
UH, YES?
GRRR
AND YET,
YOU WORRY AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE DON'T YOU?
THERE IS NEED OF SOMEBODY ELSE WITH YOUR APPEARANCE?

LIKE ME,
FOR EXAMPLE ♡
LIKE ME,
LIKE ME♡
……
おぎゃ…っ
…EH…
TEXT: BULGING OUT
TEXT: TAKE HOLD
WHAT DO YOU MEAN…?
Er…
Umm…
ENOUGH ♡, YOU DULL YOUNG MAN!
YOU ARE THE ONE I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR.

WHAT'S THIS, MOVING SO QUICKLY!!?
PLEASE, WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
CONFESSION...
BUT... THIS... WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'S A...
sneak
Eh
No e-e-e-err
YOUR ANSWER?
YES!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMISE!
I suppose it's okay
If you're fine with me
Mumble, Mumble
That well
That was a bit too quick, but.

GAH!?
SFX: WHACK
FROM NOW ON, PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL.
BOTH HANDS BLOCKED, AND WORSE, TAKEN FROM BEHIND? MUCH TOO UNPREPARED.
BE... MORE... CAREFUL...
...YES
Moo!?
SFX: COLLAPSE

SORRY, BUT WE'RE TAKING YOUR MASTER WITH US.
THUD
SNAP
SWISH
HE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE PERSON "WE" WERE LOOKING FOR...
I THINK THAT EVEN MY LADY WILL SURELY BE PLEASED.
WITH THE EXCEPTION... OF ONE DETAIL.
RATTLE
RATTLE

UHH
....
SFX: FLAPPING OF CLOTHES
!?
WHA!?

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS!!?
WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I...!?
A canopy bed!?
ON- ON TOP OF THAT, THESE LAYERS OF CLOTHES, WHAT THE!? WOMEN'S THINGS!?
WHEN WERE MY CLOTHES CHANGED...!?
TEXT: PULL
...URGH
Ca Ca
Calm down, Calm down.
STAGGERING
THAT GIRL KNOCKED ME OUT... AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS BROUGHT HERE...?

Light makeup
Eyebrows plucked
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
TOUCH

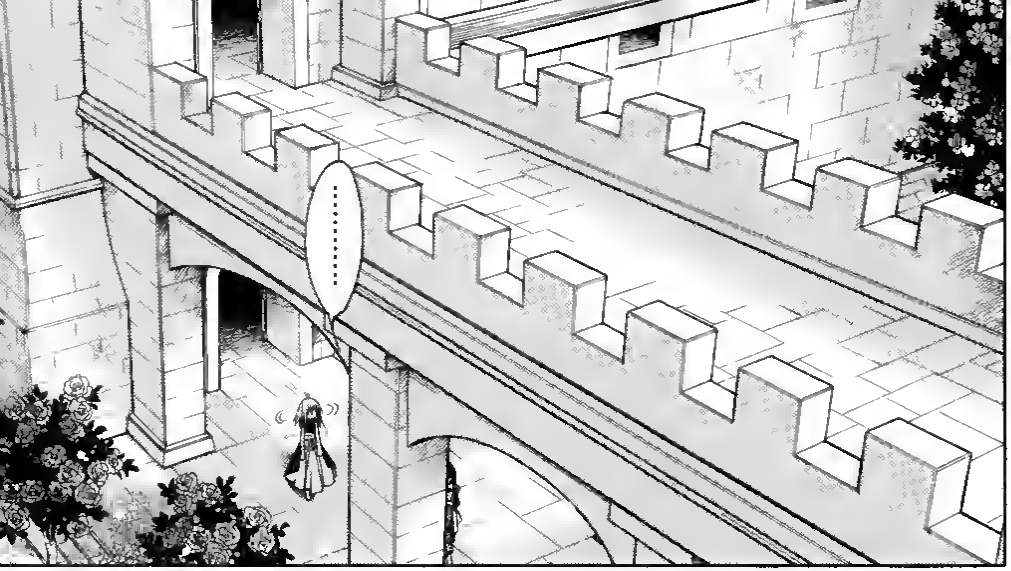
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE, ARE YOU?
. . . AHHH!!!!

TESHIO-SAMA
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
munch
munch
.....
.....
.....
U U
SO ...
IS THAT IT...?
IS IT LIKE THAT...?
CRAP...
YOU'RE
A SLAVE TRADER, AREN'T YOU?

I WAS TRICKED...!!
YOU SAID YOU WOULD GO OUT WITH ME, SO WE SIMPLY BROUGHT YOU HERE.
SO WHAT'S THE DEAL?

IF IT'S MANUAL LABOR, I'LL STILL BE OKAY...
BUT IF IT'S AS COMPANION TO A PERVERT, THAT WOULD BE TOO AWFUL...
THE WORST... IS IT STRAIGHT TO A LIFE OF SLAVERY FOR ME...?

WELL THEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE COME ALONG WITH ME AT ONCE.
THERE IS A JOB I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO.
A JOB THAT CANNOT BE DONE EXCEPT BY YOU.
OH, AND YOU'D BETTER NOT THINK OF ESCAPING♡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TH-
THIS IS.....
OBVIOUSLY
A CASTLE.
IS THAT
THE WAY
OF SLAVE
TRADERS?
BEFORE
LONG,
'WORK'
...
WHAT
THE HECK
IS IT?

……
Something that can't be done without me.
ERR...
THAT WORK
AND THESE
CLOTHES,
DO THEY GO
TOGETHER?
YES.
THEN
...BY
CHANCE
...
PAUSE
MY BEING
CHANGED INTO
THESE CLOTHES
...WAS IT YOU?

A FINE THING YOU HAVE THERE. NOT AT ALL MATCHING YOUR FACE.
UFUFU- FUFU- FUFU- FUFU!
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プッ プッ
AS I SUSPECTED, THIS PLACE IS FULL OF PERVERTS ~~~
Such a disgrace...
SHOULD I RUN AWAY NOW...?
PLEASE, ENTER OUR ROOM...
OH NO. IF I'M NOT CAREFUL, THEY MIGHT KILL ME.
AAAHHH!
THOUGH SHE'S PERVERTED, AT LEAST SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL LADY...!

...TSK
!
Wow
Nice
THIS PERSON!?
IT'S THIS PERSON...!?
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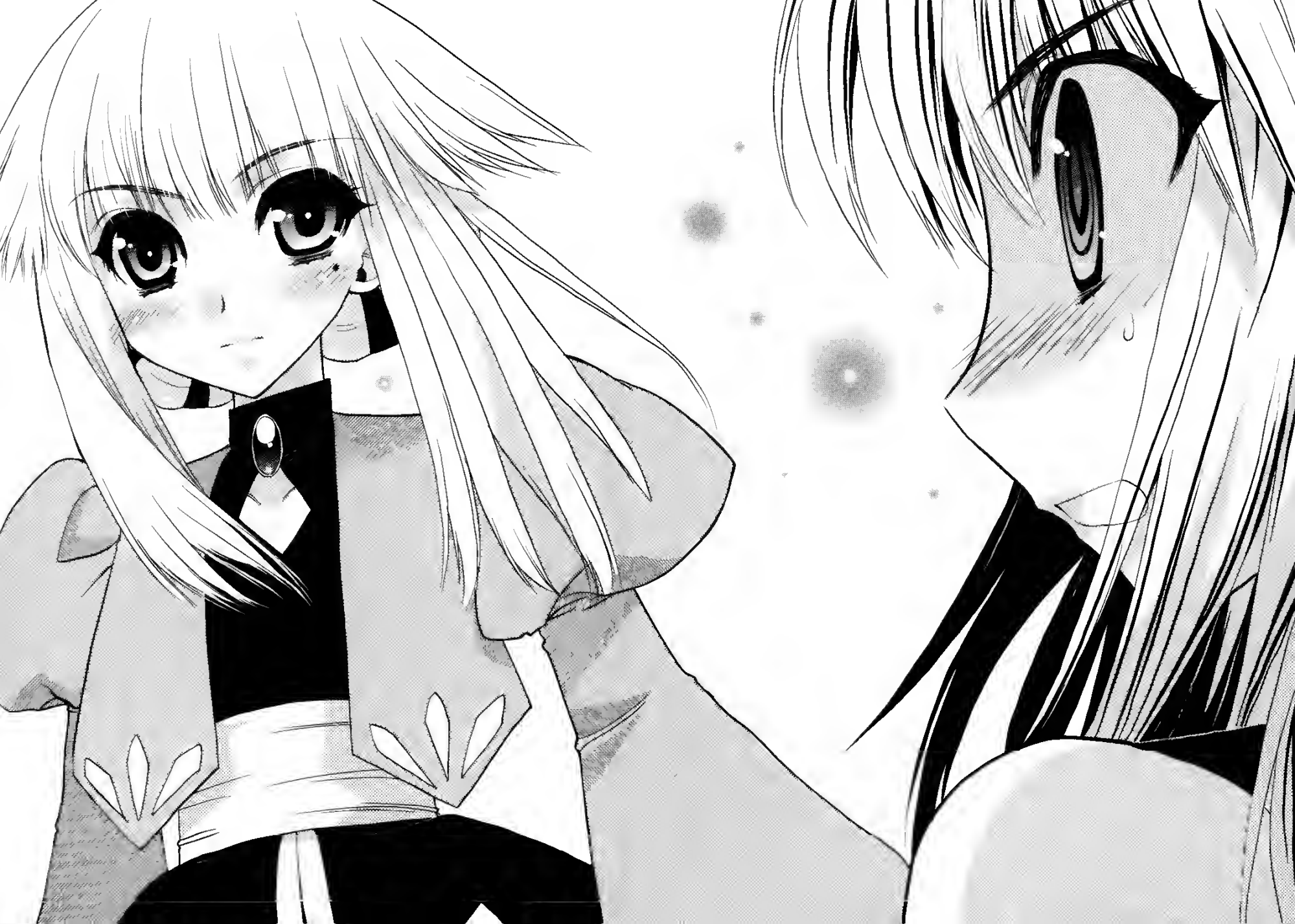
UH HUH
COMMANDER NAOE HAS RETURNED
...EH



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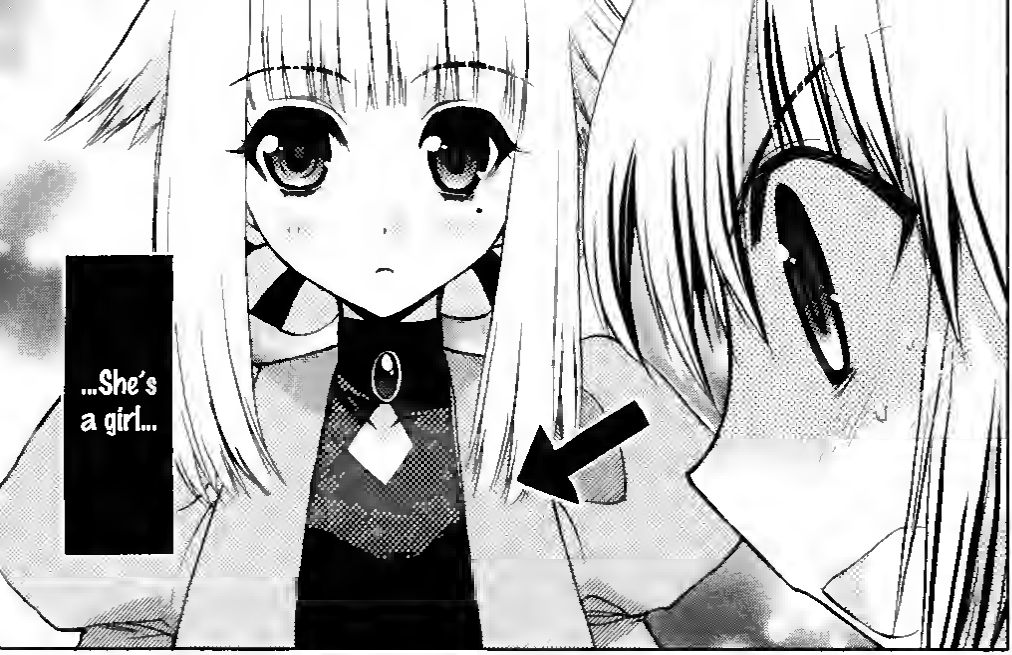
REALLY ...THE SPITTING IMAGE.
EH? EH? EEEHHH...?
I... I'M THERE!?
NO... THAT'S NOT IT! THAT PERSON...


...She's a girl...

RESTRAIN YOURSELF!!
WAH...

LORD MARIAS'S DAUGHTER AND FIRST IN LINE TO THE THRONE!
YOU ARE BEFORE HER HIGHNESS, ELNAVISTA LEOPOLDO!

HER ...
ELNAVISTA... LEOPOLDO
HER HIGHNESS ...!?
SFX: SHOCK
S-SORRY.
MUGU ...
SHE'S SHAKING AS IT IS... SHE LOOKS PITIFUL.
HOLD, ME!! DESIST WITH YOUR RECKLESS FORCE!
HA... HAHA ...
Y,
YEG!!
SO I CAN SEE IT BETTER.
WELL THEN, RAISE YOUR FACE
STARE
SFX: PWAP

YES... YES! IT'S JUST LIKE I AM SEEING MYSELF IN THE MIRROR!!
TO THINK WE WOULD HAPPEN ACROSS SOMEBODY LIKE YOU SO QUICKLY!
THIS, TOO, MAY BE A SIGN FROM GOD...!
はぁあ
SFX: HAPPINESS
NAOE!
AS I THOUGHT, I WAS RIGHT TO LEAVE IT TO YOU!
I GIVE YOU MY THANKS!
?
?
I AM UNWORTHY OF YOUR PRAISE, MILADY.
.....
I AM TRULY PLEASED!
NOW, BRING THAT FACE A LITTLE CLOSER AND LET ME LOOK AT IT!
HEH

HOLDING ON
...
WHA
...?
SFX: PULLING
SFX: SINKING IN
AHYAiHEEE AAAAA
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!!?
SHAKING
?
HY
HYA
...
SFX SHUDDER
~~~~~~

SFX: BURSTING
WH,
YOUR HIGHNESS
WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS !!?
UHiAAAA HAHAHA HA~~~~~~
TEXT: HII...
AHAHAHAHAHAHA
...
WH... WHAT?
The heck?
TH... THTH THTHTH...TH... TH-THIS THIS...
THIS PERSON ...
IS A MAN!!!
.....

.....
...WHAT!? A MAN!?
COMMANDER NAOE! WHAT KIND OF THING IS THIS!
BWA~~~NN A MAN! I'VE TOUCHED ONE ~~~MEí~~~ HELP MEEE
Ah!
there, look. One of the few masculine parts of me
Leg hair
SO I AM ... I'M A PEASANT ...
DO YOU NOT KNOW HOW MUCH HER HIGHNESS IF AFRAID OF MEN!?
AH... ENOUGH! HAS HER HIGHNESS GONE COMPLETELY INTO HER USELESS MODE?
AH...THOUGH I GET MISTAKEN A LOT...HAHAHA

I'M NOT FOOLING AROUND THIS TIME, YOU KNOW?
MILADY COMMANDED ME TO DO THIS!
SHE SAID... "GO OUT AND FIND THE RIGHT PERSON TO BECOME MY 'SHADOW'"
"SHADOW...?"
.....
.....
SO, THEREFORE ...
AND,
THIS PERSON IS ALL YOU NEED... THERE ISN'T ANOTHER!
IF IT WORKS OUT WELL, WILL IT NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OVERCOME MILADY'S FEAR OF MEN?

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... AH
しゃきっ
SFX: COUGH
SFX: AHEM
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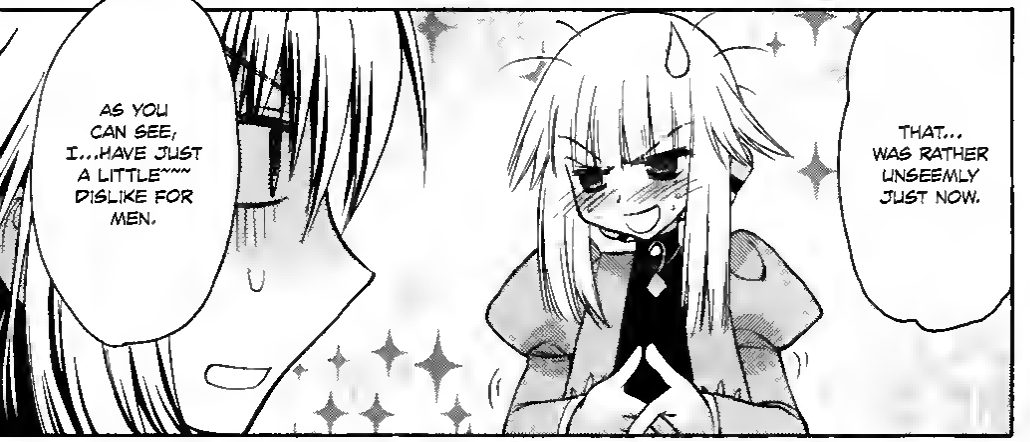
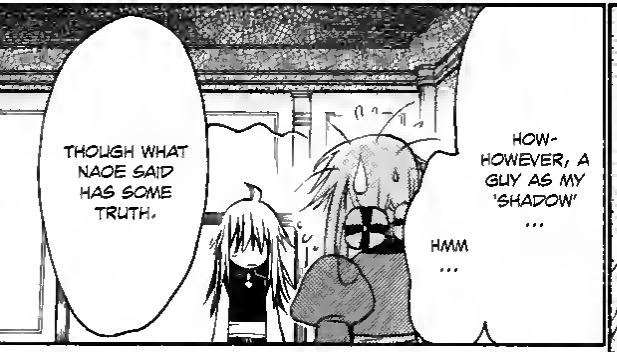
SFX: SQUEEZE
.....


AS YOU CAN SEE, I...HAVE JUST A LITTLE~~~ DISLIKE FOR MEN.
THAT... WAS RATHER UNSEEMLY JUST NOW.


THOUGH WHAT NAOE SAID HAS SOME TRUTH.
HOW- HOWEVER, A GUY AS MY 'SHADOW' ...
HMM ...

I'VE COME HERE IN ORDER TO BECOME THIS PRINCESS'S 'SHADOW'...
THOUGH WHAT NAOE SAID HAS SOME TRUTH AH NOW I UNDERSTAND MY SITUATION..

NO... JUST A LITTLE!
PLEASE FORGET IT... JUST A BIT!! SO!

A "Shadow"...
is precisely that
A person in the spitting image of somebody famous, or royalty...
In short, a body double.
Always at the king's side...
MEET YOUR DESTINY...
命
あぁぁ
When war or assassins suddenly show up,
it is his job to die instead of the king.
My friend...!!
...NGH...
The Stupid Idiot Demons

WELL?!?!?! HAS THERE BEEN ANYBODY SO MUCH LIKE YOU UP TO NOW?
COMMANDER! TO SAY THINGS SO BLUNTLY...
UFF ...
SOONER OR LATER, YOU WILL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH MEN. IF ONLY SO YOU CAN LEAVE AN HEIR!
MILADY!
SINCE I'M AFRAID OF DYING, WOULD YOU MIND IF TAKE A PASS?
THOUGH IT SEEMS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT MAKING ME HER BODY DOUBLE,
... ERR ~~~
.....
I have to hurry and get home to take care of Hanako and the others. Jeez~
AH ...
Phew
THAT'S GOOD ——I WASN'T TOLD, "THEN YOU DIE."
SHE'S LETTING ME GO HOME
YES, YES. THEN, PLEASE TAKE CARE AS YOU RETURN HOME.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
OR RATHER,
IS THAT SO!?
...GR- GREAT!

IT IS URGENT THAT I GO OUT AND FIND A WOMAN, SOMEONE OTHER THAN THIS MAN.
YOUR HIGHNESS... LET ME HAVE THE DUTY OF FINDING YOUR SHADOW NEXT.
.....
BEFORE YOUR FATHER... HIS HIGHNESS "PASSES AWAY"... NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...
A "SHADOW" ...
AH ...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
FOR FATHER .....THE TIME IS ALREADY ...
.....
?

?
Now what?
stare

AH... AAHH...
I AM CALLED "TESHIO."
THAT REMINDS ME, I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR NAME...
.....

TESHIO... THAT'S A NICE NAME.
WELL THEN, TESHIO, JUST ONE THING BEFORE YOU GO HOME...
WOULD YOU DO JUST ONE JOB FOR ME?
IT'S AN EASY TASK. WE'LL EVEN REWARD YOU.
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FATHER.

AS FOR THE REASON ...
OOHH...!
WONDERFUL! TO LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE...

THIS MAN IS THE KING...
.....
badump
badump
BUT, HE SEEMS TO BE DYING ALREADY... OF HIS ILLNESS...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM.
GLARE
FATHER, AS YOU SEE, WE WERE ABLE TO PREPARE A "SHADOW."
PLEASE REST EASY!
EH?
OOPS! THAT'S RIGHT, I WAS TOLD TO KEEP QUIET.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PUTTING THE KING'S FEARS TO REST.

NICE TO MEET YOU, YOUR MAJESTY♡
TO MEET YOU IS THE GREATEST OF HONORS♡♡
Com-mander...
U holding in laughter.

HEH HEH...
NICE TO MEET YOU, YOUNG LADY.
BY THE WAY, WOULD IT BE RUDE OF ME TO ASK YOUR AGE?

MY... AGE?
WELL... I'M 16 YEARS OLD.
Kyaa
...THEN, YOU ARE ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ELNA?
IT SURPRISED ME... IT WAS THE SAME AS MY TIME...

MY TIME...?
IT'S AN OLD STORY.
SO IT WAS... IN THOSE DAYS I, TOO... HAD A 'SHADOW'...
HE WAS ONE YEAR OLDER THAN I...
BY HIM, MY LIFE WAS SAVED MANY TIMES... BUT THAT WASN'T ALL.
HE WAS MORE THAN MY 'SHADOW'...
HE WAS ALSO MY 'FRIEND'...
.....
...FRIEND ...?

HE GAVE ME THE COURAGE... AND THE STRENGTH TO LIVE...
IF HE HAD NOT BEEN THERE, THE ME YOU SEE NOW WOULD NOT BE HERE...
YOUNG LADY...
THE DUTY OF A 'SHADOW' IS REALLY STRICT, PERHAPS...
AND YET... SOMEHOW... I WANT YOU TO BECOME ELNA'S STRENGTH... SOMEHOW.

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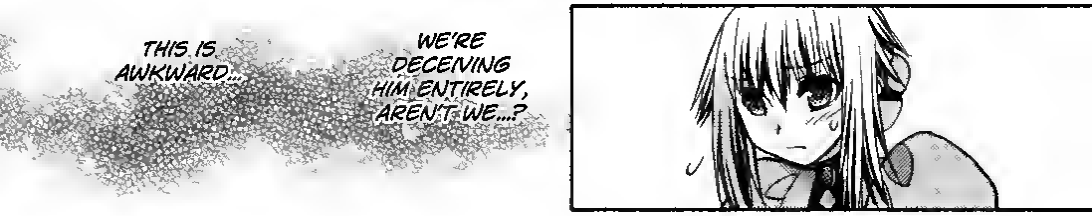

THIS IS AWKWARD...
WE'RE DECEIVING HIM ENTIRELY, AREN'T WE...?

AT ANY RATE... THIS MUST BE DIFFI-CULT...
FOR THE PRINCESS, TOO...
DIFFI-CULT?
...WHAT IS, HMM?
THAT IS... THE KING, THAT...
...DYING AND ALL... THAT'S WHAT I MEAN...
SFX: TICKED OFF
IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL BECOME THE NEXT RULER... WON'T YOU?
What's he doing, talking so easily with her!
Now, now

FATHER IS NOT A KING, BUT RATHER A LORD, YET...
AH WELL.
APART FROM THAT, I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE THAT HARD FOR ME.
NATURALLY, THERE WILL BE SADNESS. THIS TOO IS MY FATE.

HUH... IT'S LIKE THAT, EH?
She sure is dry.
AHH...
IN ANY EVENT, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED BE CONCERNED WITH.

TO BE BOTHERED BY THINGS OF THIS LIFE IS UNWORTHY OF RULERS OF DOMAINS.
...I DON'T NEED... YOU TO WORRY.

YOUR HIGH-NESS...
...OI OI! ISN'T THE PRINCESS BEING UNREA-SONABLE WITH HERSELF?
AS FAR AS IT GOES, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD CARE ABOUT, BUT...
UH... NO...
HOW ABOUT IT, TESHIO-SAMA? A CHANGE OF HEART OR SOMETHING...
TWITCH
BECAUSE I'M ONLY A FARMER BY NATURE.
IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE, OF COURSE.
A MAN DOESN'T WALK AWAY FROM SOMEBODY'S TROUBLES, BUT...

NOT ONLY ARE YOU A STINKING MAN, BUT YOU'RE A PEASANT FARMER TOO...
HMPH! ONE SUCH AS YOU IS NOT WORTHY TO SERVE AS "SHADOW" FOR HER HIGHNESS!
SFX: EXTREME IRRITATION
SFX: IRRITATION
HOW ANNOYING CAN THIS LADY GET? JUST BECAUSE SHE'S FROM A NOBLE FAMILY...
ムッカァ
...?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MEI?
BUT AREN'T YOU THE SAME?
THOUGH YOU CAME FROM THE PEASANTRY, YOU'VE SERVED ME WELL.
BUT, YOUR HIGH-NESS ~~~
HEY~~~ WHA--T'S THIS? YOU AREN'T OF THE SAME CLASS?
PLEASE FORGIVE HER, TESHIO-SAMA. SHE'S GOT AN ODD INFERI-ORITY COMPLEX.
Ho ho ho ho
grin
?
MUGU...

HII...
KLA US ...!!
SFX: SHIVER
thud
SFX: HIDES
MILADY!
trembling
WHAT MADE HER GO INTO HER USELESS MODE AGAIN?
keening
OF ALL MEN, MILADY IS ESPECIALLY WEAK WITH REGARDS TO THAT PERSON OVER THERE.

THAT PERSON IS HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL KLAUS.
HE COMES FROM A MILITARY FAMILY THAT HAS FOUGHT ON MANY BATTLE-FIELDS.
A SOL-DIER, IS HE...?
HOWEVER, SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE THAT TO-WARDS ONE OF YOUR RETAINERS... YOU, THE NEXT RULER AROUND HERE.
WHAT-EVER.
THE MAN HIMSELF HASN'T BROUGHT ANY-THING BACK FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE.
HE HAS AN AWFULLY BAD PERSONALITY, AND HE'S NOT VERY POPULAR.
SFX: THUD
OH, YOUR HIGHNESS.
YES?

HEH HEH HEH... ARE YOU IN LOVELY HEALTH?
OUT WITH YOUR BODY-GUARDS AGAIN TODAY?
IN YOUR OWN CASTLE, WHY DON'T YOU TRY WALKING BY YOURSELF?
Heh her~
BUT WE ARE ALL OF ONE MIND AND BODY, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
EEEP!
SFX: SQUISH
DON'T WE NATURALLY WANT TO BE TOGETHER ALL THE TIME?
AH... ERR...
TODAY I LOOK LIKE THE PRIN-CESS...
AH...
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
RIGHT MILADY?
WAAH... HOLD. HOLD ON!
WHAT'S THIS? TREATING WITH SER-VANTS LIKE THIS...
HOW SHAME-FUL!
GOOD GRIEF... I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF A RULER WHO COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK DECENTLY WITH A MAN.
EVEN HIS MAJESTY THE ARCH-DUKE MUST BE SIGHING IN DESPAIR.
U...
LOOKING LIKE THAT, YOUR SUB-JECT'S HEARTS WILL NOT FOLLOW YOU. OH, HOW SAD.

BECAUSE OF THIS, HIS MAJESTY THE ARCH DUKE WILL BE UNABLE TO DEPART IN PEACE!
... YOUR HIGHNESS!
I WOULD LIKE THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING!
YOU SHOULD CHOOSE YOUR WORDS TO HER HIGHNESS A LITTLE MORE CAREFULLY!
... WHAT?
... YOU FOOL, WHAT KIND OF LANGUAGE ARE YOU SPEAKING?
THE LANGUAGE OF PEASANTS IS SO DEGRADED, I CAN HARDLY UNDERSTAND IT.

WHY SHE OFTEN EMPLOYS PEOPLE OF LOWLY ORIGIN, PEASANTS, BOTHERS ME...
HER HIGHNESS'S STRANGE TASTES ARE TRULY TROUBLESOME.
PEASANTS STAYING IN THIS PLACE OF NOBILITY HAVE CONTAMINATED IT WITH THEIR BAD BREATH!
IT'S ENTIRELY HER HIGHNESS...
SORRY... SORRY MEI... I'M SCARED AND CANNOT SAY ANYTHING IN RETURN...
I CANNOT EVEN PROTECT ONE OF THOSE CLOSE BY MY SIDE...
SFX: *SNAP*
FOR SUCH AS ME TO BE RULER IS SIMPLY...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, FATHER.
...DON'T MESS WITH ME!
YOU STINKING BIGOT...

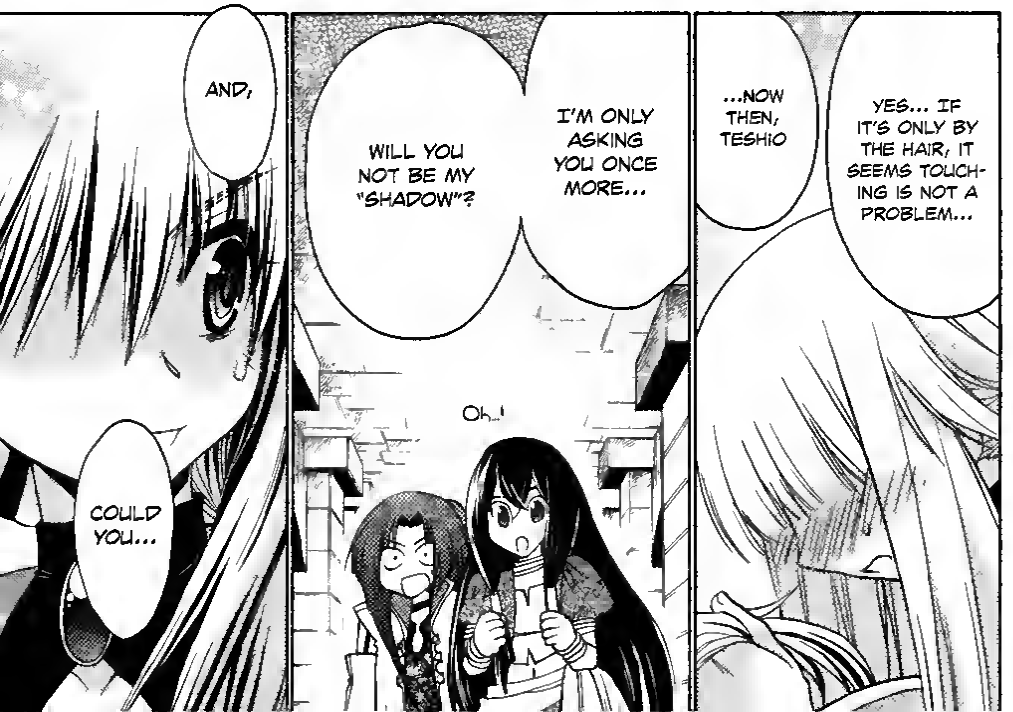
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY. WHO THE HECK PRODUCED THE FOOD BY WHICH YOU LIVE?
OBVIOUSLY, YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THINGS LIKE THAT.
YA WANNA FIGHT?
SFX: THREATENING
EH!?
SFX: GRAB

EEEK!!?
ORAA!!
SFX: GULP
SFX: KABOOM
SFX: SLIP
SUCH FORCE FROM THIS YOUNG GIRL!?
WHAT'S MORE... SHE WAS ABLE TO TOUCH A GUY!?
IF YOU GO COMPLAINING ANY MORE, I'LL FEED YOU A BIG HELPING OF COW MANURE. DON'T YOU FORGET IT!!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF FARMERS!!

COURAGE...?
HE GAVE ME THE COURAGE AND THE STRENGTH TO LIVE.
I've been impolite
thud, thud

NO~~~ YOU'VE LET IT ALL OUT!
WHEN WE FARMERS GET CALLED IDIOTS, IT GETS OUR DANDER UP...
AH... SORRY. I LOST IT A BIT THERE.

SFX: JERK BACK
?
I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF AND RETURN TO TAKING CARE OF MY COWS...
EVEN SO, I'M NOT SUITED TO THE LIFE OF A NOBLE.


YES... IF IT'S ONLY BY THE HAIR, IT SEEMS TOUCHING IS NOT A PROBLEM...
...NOW THEN, TESHIO
I'M ONLY ASKING YOU ONCE MORE...
WILL YOU NOT BE MY "SHADOW"?
Oh...!
AND,
COULD YOU...

POSSIBLY GIVE ME
COURAGE?
shiver

WHY DID MY HEART JUMP FOR THE SAME FACE AS MINE!?
WAIT!!
A GIRL IS GOING THIS FAR TO ASK YOU...
TESHIO-SAMA...
GRR...
WOULDN'T BE A MAN, WOULD HE?
A GUY THAT WOULD FLATLY REFUSE HER,
TEXT: AAAHHHH
あああああ

The Kingdom of Marias
It seems that this kingdom's ruler will shortly die from an illness.
Being left behind still, a little request from the princess.
Wha
What... Hold on, in that case...
EH? I COULDN'T HEAR. A LITTLE LOUDER♪
SINCE I UNDERSTAND ... WELL...
LOUDER!
I UNDERSTAND!! IT'S PROBABLY OKAY FOR ME TO BE YOUR "SHADOW"!!
YES. WE HAVE YOUR PROMISE ♡
MEI... TAKE THAT DOWN ON PAPER.
MUGUGU-GUGUGU-GU...
IN... IN THE END, I ACCEPTED THE JOB OF FOLLOWING AFTER THE PRINCESS.
I WONDER IF THINGS ARE GOING TO BE OKAY FROM NOW ON...

good! AFTERNOON KC

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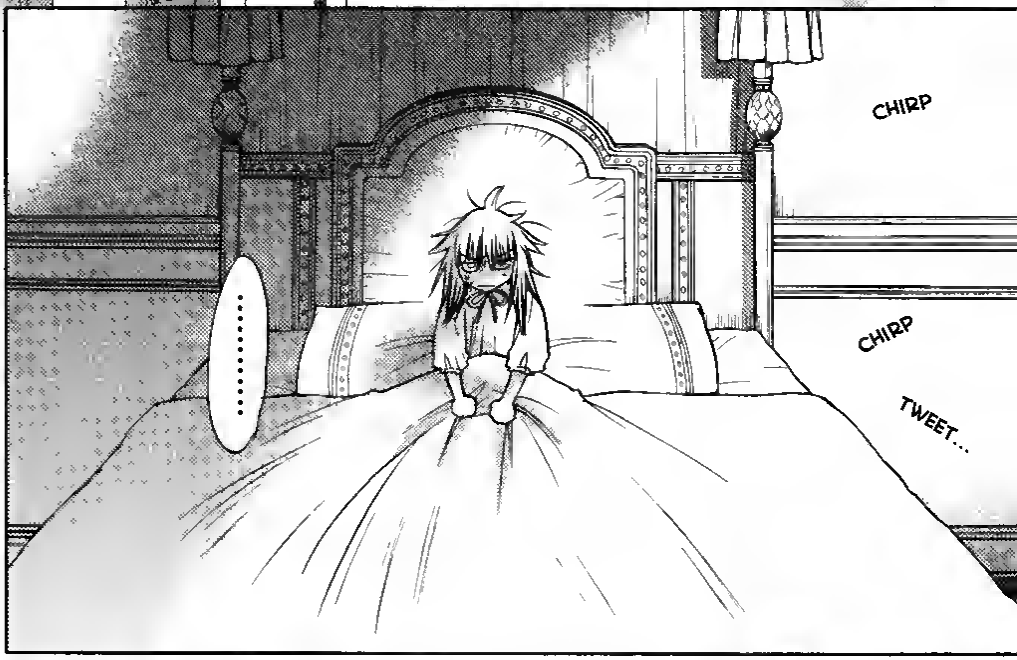
PROOFREADER: TEA-CAKES
CLEANER: YOSHIMATSU KUNDUMSTAF
REDRAWER: YOSHIMATSU KUNDUMSTAF
TYPESETTER: YOSHIMATSU
QUALITY CONTROL: RPAPO

THE KINGDOM OF MARIAS
Now! This country is at war.
The current monarch made peace with the Empire. Thanks to that, things seem quiet.
but such peace cannot last forever.
They say that if Princess Elna becomes the next ruler, then somebody may take aim at her life when this fragile peace is destroyed...

Chapter 2
The Sweet Life



That's the reason why I'm working to become the Princess's Shadow...
Princess Elna and I were identical (despite being different genders...).
SU... SURPRISINGLY, I SLEPT REALLY WELL...
Because this bed is amazing! It was so fluffy! Sigh

In other words, it wouldn't be that strange if I were killed...
UAAAAAAA...
The job of a Shadow is to sacrifice himself for his master!
GOOD MORNING,
TESHIO-SAMA,
.....
WAAHH... AS I THOUGHT, IT'S SCARY!!
MAYBE I SHOULD RUN AWAY~~~
.....
Na..
Ah.
Naoe-san, Was it?
Even though I was only thinking in my head, I'm sure I think...

!
SFX: SMOOTH BOW
...NAOE EIZEN, AT YOUR SERVICE.
TESHIO-SAMA
ONCE YOU'VE CHANGED, WE SHOULD GO TO MILADY'S PLACE TO GREET HER.
GULP...
THE SAME FEELING FROM YESTERDAY...
...AH... THAT'S RIGHT...
FROM TODAY ON, IT'S THE REAL THING...

...WE...
.....
MILADY... NO. IT IS OUR DUTY TO RISK OUR LIVES IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER MAJESTY.
THE BODYGUARDS OF MILADY.
THOUGH I GUARANTEE NOTHING.
I AM OF THE OPINION THAT WE MUST PROTECT HER NOBLE SHADOW TOO.
BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR...
WELL THEN, THIS IS THE PRINCESS'S ROOM.
.....
ARE YOU READY?

---MPH
SFX: SLAP
...MORNING, ELNA
WE HAVE GOOD WEATHER TODAY.
ELNAVISTA LEOPOLDO (15 YEARS OLD, ♀)

BY THE WAY, ABOUT THE GUY WE GOT TO BE YOUR SHADOW...
The blouse's color...
GRIN
There are two princesses!?
The.
YES. WITH SUCH GOOD LUCK...
OR WOULD YOU PREFER HIS BEHAVIOR TO NOT STAND OUT TOO MUCH?
RUSTLE
SHALL WE PREPARE A SMALL CELEBRATION FOR HIM...?
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM YOU, NAO...
RATHER, WOULDN'T MAKING HIS EXISTENCE KNOWN RESULT IN LESS CONFUSION...?
IT'S GOING TO BECOME KNOWN SOONER OR LATER.
MILADY, IS KEEPING THE SECRET ABOUT THE SHADOW ALL THAT IMPORTANT?

EEHHH!?
KYYAAAA!!
WHWH-WHWH-WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
I'VE BEEN SEEN!!
I'VE BEEN SEEN BY A MAN!!

NAUGHTY~♡ NAOE, JUST NOW, "ACCIDENTALLY" BROUGHT THIS GUY IN WHILE MILADY WAS CHANGING...♡
I MEAN, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHAT!? A GUY!?
NO, NO... YOU ABSOLUTELY DID IT ON PURPOSE...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, TESHIO-SAMA~~~☆
CHAOS! SHEER CHAOS!!

SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ABOUT HAVING SEEN THE PRINCESS NAKED?
LEER LEER
HE HE HE
DID THE ATMOSPHERE CHANGE, OR IS IT MY IMAGINATION...?
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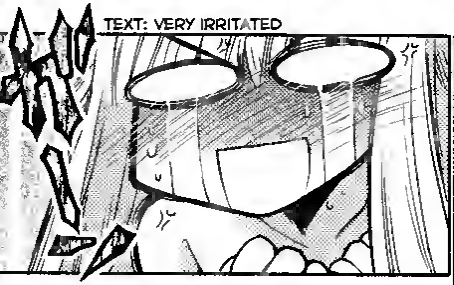
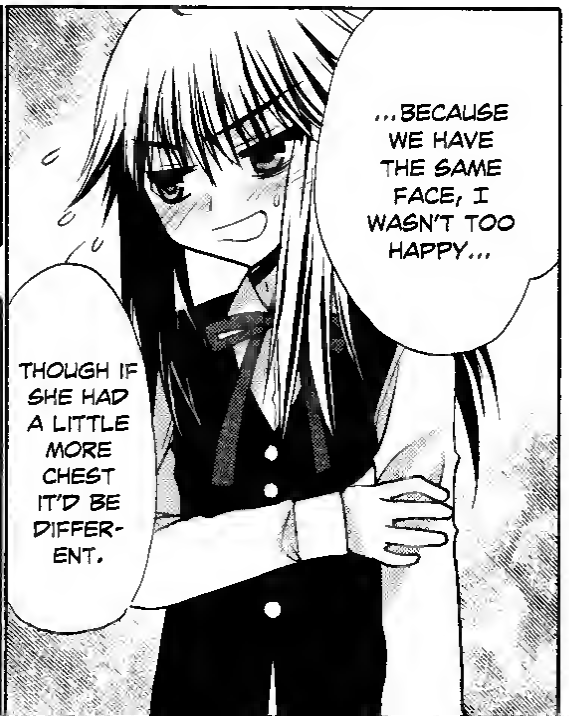
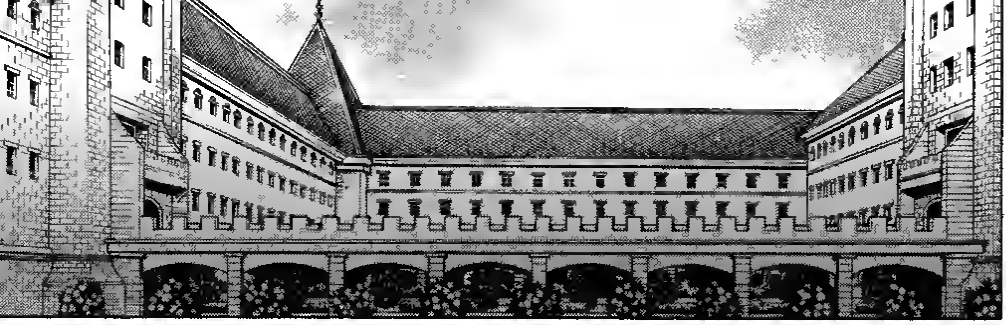
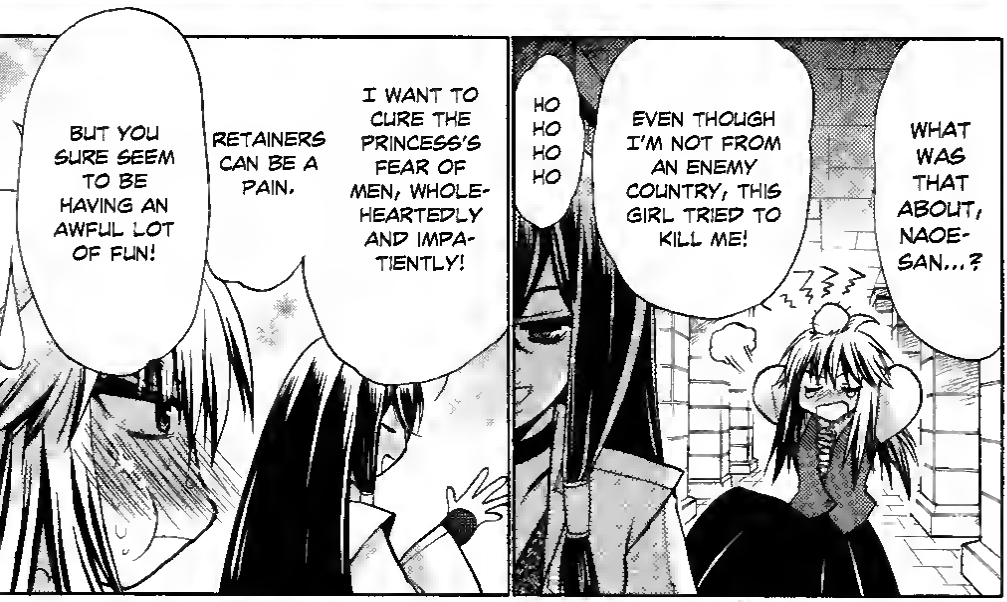

TEXT: VERY IRRITATED

TEXT:CRASH
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!


...BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SAME FACE, I WASN'T TOO HAPPY...
THOUGH IF SHE HAD A LITTLE MORE CHEST IT'D BE DIFFER-ENT.

BAWLING
MEI ---!!
!!!?
I WILL KILL ANYBODY WHO DARES TOUCH HER HIGHNESS...
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM FROM JUST NOW!!
.....
SAVE ME!! HE SAW THINGS!!
AND THEN TO TOP IT OFF, HE INSULTED ME!!
MI-MI-MI-MILADY, CALM DOWN.
FI-FI-FI-FIRST THING, CLOTHES! YOUR CLOTHES ...!!
SHIVER...
WHAT IS THIS...




WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, NAOE-SAN...?
HO HO HO HO
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT FROM AN ENEMY COUNTRY, THIS GIRL TRIED TO KILL ME!
I WANT TO CURE THE PRINCESS'S FEAR OF MEN, WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND IMPA-TIENTLY!
RETAINERS CAN BE A PAIN.
BUT YOU SURE SEEM TO BE HAVING AN AWFUL LOT OF FUN!

SFX: SLAP
WHA...!?

...WHAT WAS...
YOU'RE HOPELESS, TESHIO-SAMA. WALKING BOWLEGGED EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE BECOMING MILADY'S "SHADOW."
HUH!?
FROM NOW ON, LIVING AS A SHADOW,
YOU MUST PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORTS!
FOR YOU TO TRULY BECOME LIKE MILADY... IT CANNOT BE POSSIBLE TO TELL YOU APART AT A GLANCE.
HOWEVER, EVEN AT FIRST GLANCE...
!
IT'S WORRISOME THAT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSONA CAN BE DISCERNED.
PLEASE MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO BECOME LIKE MILADY.
WELL, BECAUSE I'M BUSY, WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THIS.
...JUST A...

...BECOME LIKE... ALL-OUT EFFORT...
Do it yourself...?
TO BE A SHADOW...
...IN THIS WORLD,
THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES IS DEEP-ROOTED
THE INTEREST IN LAKES...
Noodles, poodles...
If you had a bigger chest I'd be happy♡
He he he
SFX GRUMBLING
YOUR HIGHNESS.
YOUR HIGHNESS!
HMM...
OH!
Huh
Please excuse me, Teacher...
Haa
ONCE AGAIN, SHE WASN'T LISTENING...
CONCENTRATE MORE, PLEASE!

SFX: SILENT APPEARANCE
YOU CAN'T BECOME A PROPER PRINCESS WITH THIS...
!!!
SFX: SPUTTERING
DOPPELGANGER---
DO...
SFX: DASH
WA..
WHAT'S UP? I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT TEACHER?
SFX: SHOCK
EX...
EXCUSE ME!!
dash
??
Ah. aaaah, err, l-let's make that all for to-today
It seems both Her Highness and I are tired!
Aawaawawa
?

Silence
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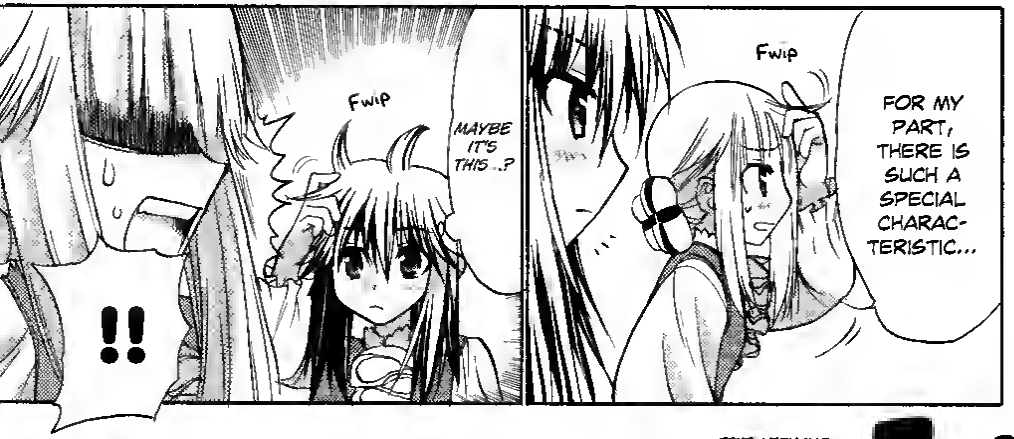
HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING IN YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF ME?
YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR YOUR JOB AS SHADOW IS RATHER...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Fwip
MAYBE IT'S THIS..?
Fwip
FOR MY PART, THERE IS SUCH A SPECIAL CHARAC-TERISTIC...

TEXT VERY MAD
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PLUS, THIS PERSON IS TO BE YOUR SHADOW...
MUGU... TO DO SUCH IS CERTAINLY THE JOB OF THE SHADOW.
SAVE ME...
THIS GUY MAKES ME MAD...
MEI ...
AND FOR THE SAKE OF HELPING THE PRINCESS, HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME.
RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT!
ENOUGH, I HATE THIS! A GUY FOLLOWING RIGHT BEHIND ME, IMITATING ME...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY...
AH, OKAY.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU SPEAK...
TEXT: NICE AND WARM...
THIS SMELL...!!
ほっかー
HMM ...?
SNIFF...
I'M TIRED.

HER HIGH-NESS THE PRINCESS WILL SURELY CRY FOR JOY~~~
BAKED CAKE ... NICELY, RIGHT?
AH...
NEWS!! BIG NEWS!!
HOLD ON, HOLD ON!
SFX: BANG!
IT'S THE SHADOW! THE SHADOW HAS COME!!
THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HER HIGH-NESS!
WHAT'S MORE, IT'S A GUY!!
EXCEL-LENT!!

THAT'S BECAUSE CIELO'S HEAD'S NO GOOD!
BLEH
CORTEZ... EVERY TIME YOU SAY SOMETHING, THE MEANING ISN'T CLEAR...
SHADOW...?
...A SHADOW...
THAT HUMAN, HE APPEARED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HER HIGHNESS, RIGHT?
A PERSON WHO RESEMBLES A RULER BECOMES A SACRIFICE FOR THAT RULER...
NO, HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE ONE! I THOUGHT HE WAS A DOPPELGÄNGER!
...DID HE LOOK LIKE ONE?
...THAT PERSON, THEY'VE SAID IT'S A GUY, BUT
YES, YES! OF COURSE, RIO-CHAN♡ CIELO IS WRONG.

A SHADOW, IS IT...? IT MAY GET A LITTLE TROUBLESOME IF THEY GET TO WHERE YOU CANNOT TELL THEM APART...
IT'S LIKE THAT...
I WONDER... IN ANY CASE, WHATEVER CORTEZ SAYS IS HOT AIR...
HMPH. WHENEVER YOU LOOK AT CIELO, SHE'S BLOWING SNOT!
SFX: BANG
HE... HELLO.
OH, MAIDS! AREN'T YOU WORKING HARD AGAIN TODAY!

.....!
SFX: SNIFF
I TRY TO CHANGE MY PLANS EVERY NOW AND THEN.
YES!
...WHAT THE HECK IS HER HIGHNESS DOING IN THE KITCHEN LIKE THIS...
A MESS! CIELO'S A MESS!
T...TWO-TWO-TWO-TWO OF HER HIGH-NESS...
AWAWAWA
JUST... JUST LIKE THAT, SHE WANTS TO EAT NOW?
HOW UN-CHARISMATIC...
HER HIGH-NESS, MILADY THE KID...
AFTER ALL, ISN'T IT A SOVEREIGN'S DUTY TO MAKE TEA WITH THE MAIDS EVERY NOW AND THEN?
LET'S HAVE CAKE HERE, ALL OF US TOGETHER?!?!?!!
What she really means
Something yummy. Quick
I want to eat something!
Make something!

SILENCE
AH ...
TH... THANKS.
.....
AH...
THOUGH I THINK YOU HEARD IT FROM THAT KID, MY NAME IS 'TESHIO'.
I AM GOING TO BE THE PRINCESS'S SHADOW...
SFX: POURING
---IS THAT SO?
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU AND...
EH... JUST LIKE I THOUGHT!

COULD YOU NOT TELL THEM APART?
THEY MAY LOOK TRULY ALIKE, BUT THEIR AURA IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.
TURN AROUND
GAH...
SO... SOMEHOW THIS IS EMBARRASSING...
...IF YOU WISH TO SERVE AS HER HIGHNESS' SHADOW, YOU HAD BETTER BE CAREFUL.
SFX: MUNCH
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MMM~~~♡ YUMMY

I FEEL SO REFRESHED WHENEVER I EAT SWEETS!
.....
COME NOW, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU EAT TOO!
YES, YES... WE'LL HAVE SOME TOO...
HMM?
AREN'T YOU EATING, TESHIO?
huh?
AHH...
NO...
... IN FACT,
I... DON'T REALLY LIKE SWEET STUFF.
SFX: DEPRESSED
...

SFX: SHOCK
...EHHH
SUCH PEOPLE EXIST!?
...THEY DO
JUST TASTING THINGS LIKE NECTAR MAKES ME AWFULLY SICK.
...AH... THERE'S A PERSON I KNOW WHO BECOMES USELESS WITH ONLY THE SMELL...
ISN'T IT JUST SOMETHING IN THEIR MAKEUP?
EH ~~~
.....
TESHIO-SAMA
HMPH
.....
WELL THEN, I'LL
TAKE THIS AWAY.
AH... O...K...
CLICK

Ah...
What a waste
IT'S WORRISOME THAT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSONA CAN BE DISCERNED.
COULD YOU NOT TELL THEM APART?
.....
!!
!
HO...
HOLD ON. WAIT!!
OF COURSE I'LL EAT IT!!!

HERE GOES!
Still you don't have to eat it!
YOUR HIGH-NESS..
IF YOU WANT, I'LL EAT IT TOO.
EH... DIDN'T YOU HAVE PROB-LEMS?
SFX: GUHH
SFX: CHOMP
IT'S NO GOOD!
...TESHIO-KUN, SHOULDN'T YOU RESTRAIN YOURSELF?
Hey
...MEN.

TEXT: ANGRY / POWERED UP

IF AN ASSASSIN CAME IN HERE, YOU WOULDN'T WANT SWEETS TO REVEAL THE PRINCESS, WOULD YOU?
THAT, INDEED, WOULD NOT BE CARRYING OUT THE ROLE OF SHADOW.
...

THOUGH YOU CAN'T TELL THEM APART,
HE'S UNSUITABLE BY VIRTUE OF BEING INSANE.
Heh
SFX: MUNCH, MUNCH
CHOMP
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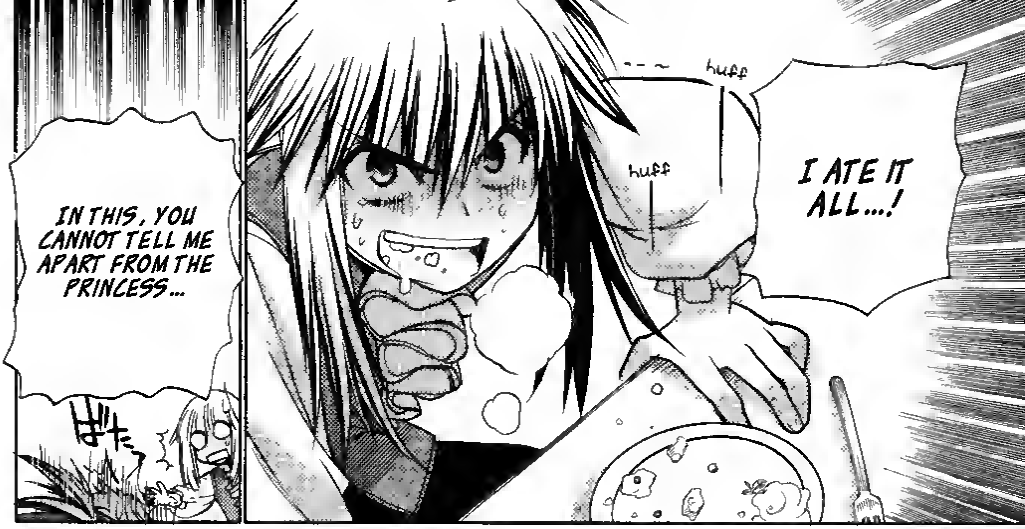
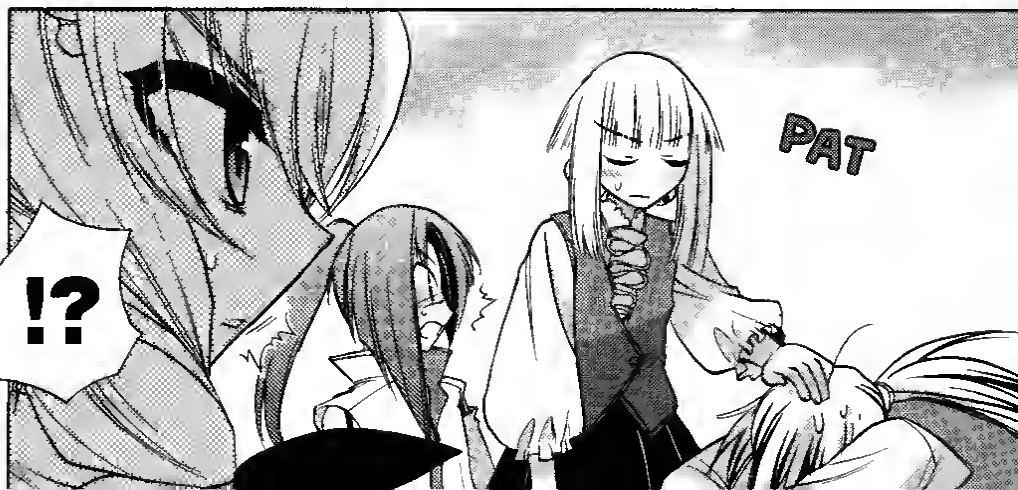
ゴクン
...AND SHE'S SERIOUSLY NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.
IF SUCH AN IDIOT BECOMES THE NEXT RULER, THEN THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE IS IN JEOPARDY...
AH~~~~~~THIS PRINCESS HERE IS EATING CAKE LIKE AN IDIOT...
BUT...

MYSELF, NOW,
AS THIS IDIOT'S SHADOW...
BECAUSE HELPING THIS IDIOT WILL BE MY JOB...
SFX CLATTER
.....
!
TE... TESHIO!
ENOUGH ...
SFX: CLANG
HOU!!
SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE ...


IN THIS, YOU CANNOT TELL ME APART FROM THE PRINCESS...
huff
huff
I ATE IT ALL...!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PAT

TESHIO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU WITHSTOOD IT WELL...
I... I RESPECT WHAT YOU DID.
HER, HER HIGHNESS...
TOUCHED A MAN...!?
THAT'S...!?
U... GYU...
ME... MEi...
AFTER-WARDS, A REQUEST----
...HUH
shugger
TREMBLING
Shiver
Shiver

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU TOUCHED A MAN...
ERR... YOUR HIGHNESS...
AH AHHH
COME ON. LET'S GO FOR NOW.
Oh
Sigh...
MY SHADOW IS TRYING HARD LIKE THIS.
...I SEE...
IT WAS THAT... KIND OF THING...
I WAS THINKING... THAT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WEREN'T.

...YOU...
WERE OBVIOUSLY MISTAKEN IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR EFFORT.
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TOO MANY THINGS AT ONCE...
STUPID... IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING AFTER ALL...
I DIDN'T PUT ENOUGH SPIRIT INTO IT... AND YET,
Urk
EVEN JUST NOW,
I THOUGHT YOU UNFIT TO BE HER HIGHNESS' SHADOW...
WELL...
MAYBE ONLY YOUR WILL-POWER IS COMMEND-ABLE.
ARE YOU TRYING TO CONSOLE ME?
I DIDN'T MEAN ANY-THING LIKE THAT.

The next ruler is still an imbecile...
Report, Item One
Buzzing
They strongly resemble each other, but they are easily distinguished...
FLAP FLAP
Report, Item Two
The appointment of a Shadow for the next ruler.
As it is, even keeping the armistice is profitless.
SWISH SWISH
We need to prepare quickly, before other countries move...
.....
And yet... this Shadow's existence may have some effect on the next ruler.

Go report.
I will investigate presently.
ばさ
SFX: FLAPPING
That's all.
I WAS ALMOST IN DANGER OF BEING FOOLED.
I HAD SIMPLY THOUGHT HIM A FOOL, BUT...
INDEED, THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET THE NEW RULER TO GROW UP...
Glory to His Highness the Emperor!
THAT GUY
IS BAD. BEWARE!

...HEY
.....
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME AROUND?
AH... I'M WATCHING TO SEE HOW YOU GO TO SLEEP.
WAA~~~ YOU'RE AWFULLY EAGER~~~ THAT'S JUST SPLENDID~~~
SFX: KABOOM
TSK. ARE YOU AN IDIOT--- EVEN YOUR ENTHUSIASM OUGHT TO HAVE LIMITS!!
OH!
AT LEAST FOR ME, YOU DON'T GET TO BE ON BETTER TERMS WITH SOMEBODY WITHOUT SEEING THEM.
THOSE TWO.
Leave at once!
Waa
...WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE WATCHED LIKE THAT... COMMANDER?

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CHAPTER 3

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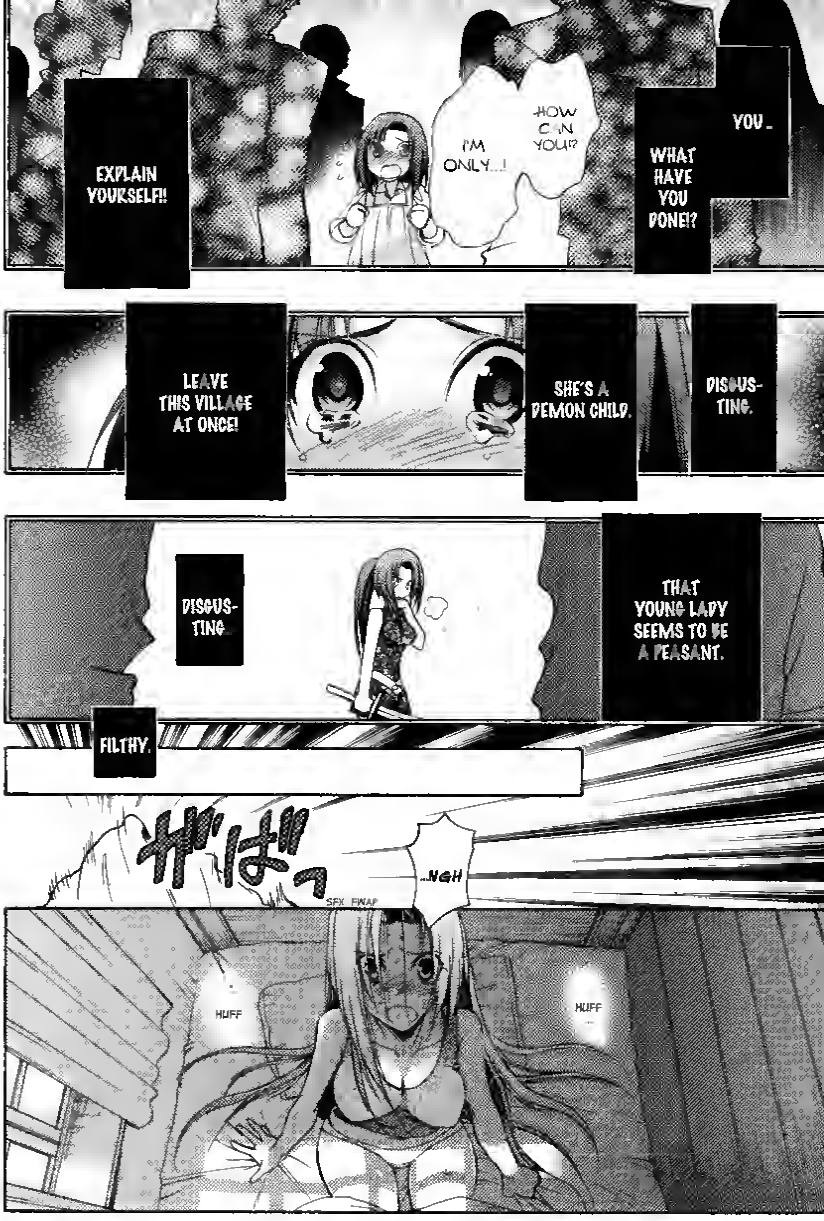
TRANSLATOR: KPAPO
PROOFREADER: RYUIXYUI YORUGATA
CLEANER: YOSHIMATSU
TYPESETTER: SHINKANZATO
QUALITY CONTROL: KPAPO-WIL

HMM...
THE TASTE OF THIS DIRT...
A LITTLE SOUR...
EVEN THOUGH IT HAS ENOUGH WATER.
AS I THOUGHT, IT DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MANURE...
THERE, THERE
I'LL FEED YOU WELL, OK?
WHY IS IT THAT THE VEGETABLES ARE GROWING ONLY IN YOUR FIELD?
EVEN THOUGH THE OTHER HOUSE'S FIELDS HAVE WITHERED


EXPLAIN YOURSELF!!
I'M ONLY...!
HOW CAN YOU!?
YOU...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?
LEAVE THIS VILLAGE AT ONCE!
SHE'S A DEMON CHILD.
DISGUS-TING.
DISGUS-TING...
THAT YOUNG LADY SEEMS TO BE A PEASANT.
FILTHY.
SFX: FWAP
...NGH
HUFF
HUFF

CHAPTER 3

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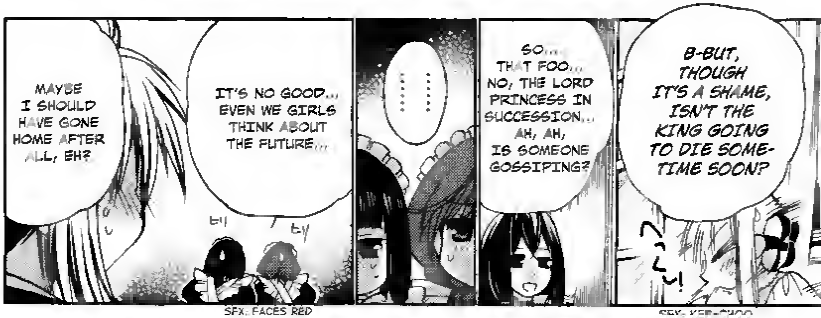
NICE WEATHER--♡
A PERFECT DAY FOR DOING THE LAUNDRY.
I'D PLAY, BUT THEN I'D GET A REALLY BAD BURN...
HEY... WE COULD HAVE A PICNIC OR SOMETHING!
ARE YOU A FOOL-- I'D SET ASIDE A DAY LIKE THIS FOR FISHING!
SFX: SNAP
パーン
.....

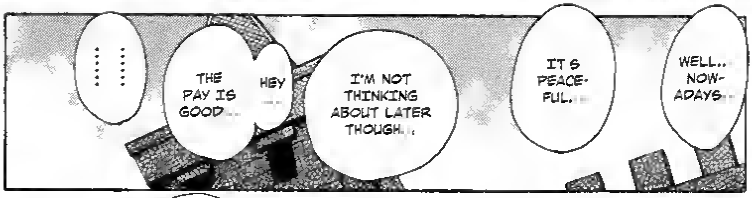
HE~~~~Y
HOW COULD YOU TELL?
...OR NOT. MORNING, TESHIO-SAN...
HER HIGH-NESS
IF YOU'RE DOING LAUNDRY, I'D BE CAREFUL...
EH~~~ IN THIS WONDERFUL WEATHER!?
IT'S SUP-POSED TO RAIN JUST BEFORE SUNSET.
SHOULDN'T FARMERS KNOW THAT MUCH?
BUT IT'S OK TO HANG THE CLOTHES.
EVEN SO, IT'S GOING TO RAIN...
...HE EVEN HAS THE ABILITY TO READ THE WEATHER...

THE NEXT RULER'S SHADOW, TESHIO.
THAT MAN... HE'S ACTING AS IF HE WERE PLANNING ON RAISING THE NEW RULER, BUT...
AND WHAT WOULD THAT CHANGE... WHAT WOULD THE EMPEROR GET OUT OF IT...
TESHIO-KUN, AREN'T YOU STALKING HER HIGHNESS TODAY?
THEY'RE HAVING MEETINGS TODAY, SO THEY LET ME TAKE A BREAK FOR NOW.
...OR RATHER, I AM QUITE CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF MYSELF...
THOUGH BECAUSE I'M A SHADOW, MY LIFE WILL PERHAPS BE TARGETED.
...LIFE?

WHAT!?
SFX PFFT
TESHIO-KUN, YOU'RE NERVOUS ALL OF A SUDDEN, AREN'T YOU.
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
ARE WE AT WAR!?
HA HA HA, IT'S OK, IT'S OK!!
SFX GRIN
SFX RUMBLE
HAVE YOU EVEN HEARD? ☆OUR LORD RULER WAS "THE SUPREME MASTER", AND WAS FEARED BY THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND BY OUR ALLIES!
AS LONG AS THE LORD KING HAS LIVED, NO FOOL HAS DARED MESS WITH THIS COUNTRY!!
THANKS TO THAT, THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN AT PEACE!!
OH.. A LIVING LEGEND!!

I'M ASKING MY DAUGHTER!
I'M ASKING!
I'M ASKING!
I WONDER WHY THAT GUY DIDN'T GIVE THOSE KINDS OF VIBES...?
HE SEEMED AWFULLY NICE, THOUGH...


B-BUT, THOUGH IT'S A SHAME, ISN'T THE KING GOING TO DIE SOME-TIME SOON?
SO... THAT FOO... NO, THE LORD PRINCESS IN SUCCESSION... AH, AH, IS SOMEONE GOSSIPING?
IT'S NO GOOD... EVEN WE GIRLS THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE...
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GONE HOME AFTER ALL, EH?
SFX: FACES RED


WELL... NOW-ADAYS...
IT'S PEACE-FUL...
I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT LATER THOUGH...
THE PAY IS GOOD... HEY...

SFX SIGH
AS FOR ME, SOMEHOW I'LL LIVE, EVEN IN THIS CASTLE.
SOME-THING... LIKE THIS...
HAS THERE BEEN SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
WE'RE LIS-TENING! DON'T HOLD BACK!

OF COURSE, NOT DOING THAT MAKES ME RESTLESS, AND I CAN'T SETTLE DOWN.
THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ALL THAT MUCH BRAINS...
THAT...?
...THAT?
WHA, WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS!? YOU'RE SCARY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!! AUNTIE WILL BE NICE TO YOU!
A LITTLE MORE DETAIL, PLEASE!!
?
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SFX TAP
HAH! THERE'VE BEEN NO PROBLEMS!!
HAS THERE BEEN ANY TROUBLE?
SFX ATTENTION
HA. LEAVE IT TO ME!! CAPTAIN!!
MAYA, YOU KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS.
I GET TO EAT LUNCH EARLY AND TAKE A BREAK.
PLEASE, TAKE YOUR TIME!!
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SFX TAP TAP TAP

IT SURE IS...
HA HA HA HA
IT'S THE GIRL WITH THE ATTI-TUDE...
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... HMM ...?
SFX: BOW
SFX: SNICKER
AAAHHH THE SMELL OF COWS
HEE HEE PEASANT GIRL
SFX: GLARE
YOU CAN ACT HOWEVER YOU WANT TO, BUT THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN ESCAPE YOUR PEASANT LOOKS.
HMPH YOU GOTTA EASE UP.

SFX GRRR
CAPTAIN, PLEASE DON'T PAY THEM ANY ATTENTION.
JUST IGNORE THEM.
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT BOTHERED.
Bu
t
Err
OH,
OH YEAH CAPTAIN!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MADE DESSERT FOR TODAY'S LUNCH!!
PLEASE HAVE MY SERVING TOO!
THAT WAY MORE ENERGY...
MORE ENERGY...
silence
HUH?
Captain

SFX WIND
looking around
.....
sweep
SFX RUSTLE
SFX PEEK OUT

SIGH...
YOU'RE HERE...
pulls out
...I BROUGHT YOU A CARROT.
DON'T WORRY, JUST EAT...
SFX MUNCH, MUNCH
pet
pet

OH...
IT'S A RABBIT...
THE, THE RABBIT CAME OUT SUDDENLY!!
AAAAAHHH
AND THEN, I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE A CARROT IN MY POCKET!!
IF YOU LOVE THE RABBIT SO MUCH,
WHY ARE YOU SO FRANTIC TO MAKE EXCUSES?
Normally we'd make a delicious pie.

I'M GOING TO FARM HERE!
HUH!?
WHAT YOU DOING WITH THAT HOE!?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
OOPS. DO I NEED TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE PRINCESS?
I'm on break.
YOU... FARMING...
YEP. OF COURSE ...
FARMING HELPS CALM MY NERVES...
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU? YOU WERE ONCE A PEASANT, TOO
.....
SFX: THUD, THUD

I DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED A 'PEASANT'!
BECAUSE YOU'RE CLEARLY A DIMWIT, I'M TELLING YOU ONCE...
TESHIO
I'M BUSY... SO EXCUSE ME.
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND.
...UNDERSTOOD.
THAT WAS MY BAD. SORRY.
SFX LICK
SFX TWITCH
squat down
POKE
SFX WANNA DO IT

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD PLANT FOR NOW...
YE...S.
wanna
wanna
wanna
wanna
.....
HMM.
THE SOIL'S NOT BAD...
SFX LICK
ペロ
!?
SFX POUNCE
SFX SUDDENLY
FLOWERS WOULD BE PRETTY TOO.
AHH YES, THEY WOULD
SFX GASP
はう
THEY'D BE GOOD PICKLED WITH SALT.
FLOWERS WOULD BE PRETTY TOO...
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
IT'D BE GOOD FOR GOURDS, WOULDN'T IT?
.....!
THIS IS SO MELLOW

MY BODY MOVED ON ITS OWN...!!
EVEN THOUGH I'M NO LONGER A PEASANT!
EVEN THOUGH I'M A NOBLE'S BODYGUARD!
SFX AAACKKKK!
THE SMELL OF THIS DIRT
AAHHH.. BUT, BUT,
So good
IT'S THE BEST...
sniff sniff
.....
WHOA...
SFX OOO
TH...
THIS ONE!!!!!
Gulp
WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET? SAY SOMETHING!
EH
AH, NO,
I.., JUST REMEMBERED .. ABOUT MY COW...
Moo!
COW...? THERE'S NO COW HERE FORGET ABOUT IT.

SFX TREMBLE
glitter
SFX THUD

YOU OUGHT TO BE GRATEFUL I'M HELPING YOU!
SH... SHUT UP!
MY MY, AREN'T WE LOOKING HAPPY!

SFX THUNK
Though she's small, moving such heavy fertilizer...
Mei is really something.
Mei...

Amazing, amazing,
you're doing good!
...Wait
But isn't it too amazing?
Apart from the fields this one has touched, they have all withered and failed.
We have no idea with what power she's able to do it.
No doubt it was black magic.
She's a witch, her soul sold to demons...!

HEY TESHIO ...
.....
WHEN YOU SEE ME, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
EH?
WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
ALARM
LISTEN UP!
TELL ME HONESTLY
'HONESTLY...'
LIKE THAT... IT'S HARD TO SAY...
FIDGET
WHAT'S UP?
OF COURSE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ME...
CO... COME ON NOW. HURRY UP AND TELL ME!

...MEI-SAN HAS
HUGE BOOBS,
hoh
doesn't she...?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I WAS WATCHING THEM LIKE CRAZY A BIT AGO!!
FORGIVE ME!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!!!
WHAT? WEREN'T THEY EXPOSED?
ENOUGH! I'M FLOWING THE FIELD
IT'S LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO RAIN, TOO!!
CRAP. SHOULD'VE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT

CHARGE...!
WAA HURRY,
SFX THUD, THUD
MEI-CHAAN
WHO'S GUARDING THE CASTLE, I WONDER?
EH? ARE YOU KIDDING!?
THE DAY IS GONE ALREADY !?
THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE MAYA'S GROUP HAS IT UNDER CONTROL.
DON'T FORGET TO MAKE IT UP TO THEM, OK?
SFX SHOCK

THAT...
.....
COMMANDER, IT WAS ALL MY FAULT AND
I WASN'T MAKING YOU HANG AROUND WITH ME.
DON'T SAY THINGS YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
OH... YEAH, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE BUSY?
!?
twip
IS THAT SOMETHING FUN TO DO?
YOU WERE SMILING IN THE MOST UNUSUAL WAY.
ANOTHER THING I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...
IS IT FUN DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
WELL, MILADY, YOU PROMISED NOTTO SAY~~~
Right?
NAOE WAS TALKING TO ME WHILE WATCHING YOU FROM A DISTANCE, BUT...

IF YOU TRIED, YOU'D UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING.
DO YOU REALIZE YOU'RE MAKING HER HIGHNESS DO FIELD WORK!?
BU... BUT SHE'S REALLY CURIOUS...
I WONDER IF IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD EXERCISE?
WHAT TO DO... WHY DON'T I TRY THIS...
Eh?
SFX THUD
ドゥッ
WAH
THERE
THERE
AND THERE
ヨロ・・・
SFX WEAKLY

SFX: GROAN
SFX: CLENCH
SFX: THUD
SFX: SLAM
WHA WHA WHA...
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
.....
THIS THING — WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?
TAKE IT EASY!
WHA?
BUT THIS IS HEA——VY.
YOU DID IT SOMEHOW...
How about you, Naoe san?
Ha ha ha ha
The problem is Naoe-dun is nobility
EH? WELL, AS I AM...
AH!
THIS COULD BECOME FUN TO DO.
INDEED, ME! IS THE ONLY ONE OF US THAT WAS A FARMER
.....
YES...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN, MAKING THE HEIR DO FARM WORK?
IS IT FARM WORK THIS TIME...?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS WORK AS SHADOW...
NO. THERE'S GOT TO BE A CONNECTION.
IF ONLY I CAN SEE THROUGH IT..
SFX DRIP
OH, HAS IT COME?
IT REALLY IS RAIN..!
!

AS I SUSPECTED, THIS MAN IS FRIGHTENING...!
LET'S HEAD BACK...
drip, drip
IT'S THE GIRL WITH THE ATTITUDE
SHE HEARD THAT ALREADY BEFORE
HM?
SFX STEP

HAHA HAHA...
PFFT
PFFT
SFX BOW
.....
AH?
IT REALLY GOES WELL WITH YOU, MISS PEASANT GIRL!
SFX HAH!
YOU'RE FILTHY!! MUD ON YOUR FACE!!
..TSK
THOSE GUYS AGAIN!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO LOOK LIKE A PEASANT!!
...FU
FUFUFU...
WHAT?

IS THAT SO? IT SUITS ME?
RECEIVING PRAISE IS AN HONOR.
Huh?
Eh
WELL THEN, PLEASE EXCUSE ME
す、
THEY DON'T EVEN UNDER-STAND SARCASM. PEASANTS ARE IDIOTS,
……
HEY, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
—AH, NEVER MIND.
SFX FASS BY

CAPTAIN ...♡
IT DOESN'T... MATTER.
A FRIGHTE-NING MAN...
BUT THIS IS NORMAL...
TESHIO-SAN IS A MASTER OF ANIMALS!!
OOH! A WILD RABBIT CAME REALLY CLOSE TO YOU!

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YOU'RE EVIL, AREN'T YOU?
YOU ARE TRULY AN EVIL MAN.
BUT, THAT'S OKAY.
SFX: CLINK...
I WON'T BE IN YOUR DEBT.
I, NAOE EIZEN, WILL MAKE MY MOVE.

Chapter 4
An Evil Man
WHAT-EVER RESULT MAY COME ABOUT
IS NOT SOMETHING I KNOW. BUT...
FU-FU-FU-FU...

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!!
キィーース!!
SFX ROAAARRR!!

Your Your Highness, calm down! We understand your feelings! We understand, but here's not
HANG HIM!
NO, CRUCIFY HIM!
WHY IS SHE SO MAD?
ACTUALLY...
OH MY, WHY MIGHT YOU TWO BE FIGHTING TODAY?
OH, COMMANDER.
TESHIO SAW THE DUCHESS' PORTRAIT AND...

WOW~~~ SHE'S INCREDIBLY PRETTY!
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S THE PRINCESS'S MOTHER, THEY ARE NOT AT ALL ALIKE~~~
TICKED OFF
I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING WRONG!
...MASTER TESHIO, YOU SEEM TO BE LACKING IN DELICACY...
BUT REALLY...
BACK TO YOUR LESSONS!
SFX WHAM
WELL THEN, BE NICE NOW ~~~
HO HO HO HO
YOUR HIGH-NESS
ALL BECAUSE THAT BRAT IS SO CLOSE TO ME.
SHALL WE MOVE ON?
..YEAH.

...Your father is very capable, and so was your mother. They even called her the "Iron Lady."
Mistress Elnavista
Mistress Elnavista
Do you believe you will be a worthy successor to their legacy?
My anxieties have not left me...
No no...
YOUR HIGHNESS THE AFTERNOON LUNCHEON, ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE TESHIO.
MEI!
SULK
THE GREAT PRINCESS... AND THAT GUY TOO
HE'S NOT TAKING ME SERIOUSLY!

I DON'T NEED A BODYGUARD!
I WILL GO TO THE AFTERNOON LUNCHEON ALONE!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
WHAT!?
YOUR HIGHNESS
I, I CAN GO TO THE TOILET!
SHE CAN'T GO TO THE TOILET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BY HERSELF...
E...ERR, BUT HER HIGHNESS CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY HERSELF...
WELL... YOU SEE... ISN'T YOUR LUNCHEON PARTNER THAT COUNT OMAYRA?
IS EVEN ME! GOING AGAINST ME?
THOUGH YOUR THOUGHTS ARE MOST EXCELLENT
AND IF YOU FALL APART...

WH-WHEN I SAY I WILL DO SOMETHING, I WILL DO IT!
ONLY THE MAIDS WILL COME IN TO SET UP THE LUNCHEON!
Hold on, hold on
Right?
UH...
YOUR HIGHNESS
SHE'S WORRIED.
WORRIED, ISN'T SHE?
SHE SURE IS WORRIED.
SHE REALLY IS AN IDIOT
I HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY.
FOR THAT REASON, I WILL HAVE TO LOOK STRONG!
AND IF I DO IT, THAT "SHADOW" WILL LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT...
Hehe

I THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH YOU.
YOUR HIGHNESS!
SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER...
SWEATY
I AM MORE AND MORE ENCHANTED BY HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU HAVE BECOME!
BUT IT'S TAKEN A LONG TIME FOR US TO MEET.
SHE HAS IT IN HER HEAD THAT TESHIO IS MAKING A FOOL OF HER...
BY ALL MEANS, WILL YOU NOT MARRY ME!?
Jepaul von Omayra (Count, 33 years old)

...WOW
DI...DISGUSTING~
HAHA HA..
COUNT OMAYRA LIKES TO PLAY JOKES.
I CAN'T LET HIM TURN TO OUR RIVAL'S...
BUT THIS GUY IS THE RULER OF A MINING REGION NEAR THE EMPIRE...
FRIENDSHIP AND COERCION ARE THE TOOLS USED BY A RULER.
WHEN DEALING WITH A PERSON WHO HASN'T SWORN LOYALTY TO YOU,
FURTHER-MORE, WE CANNOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
BY THE WAY, YOUR HIGH-NESS
I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH SOME-THING~
OH— WHAT MIGHT IT BE?
BUT I WILL PROVE THAT I CAN DO IT BY MYSELF!
UNTIL NOW, NAOE OR SOME OTHER CLOSE RETAINER HAS DONE THINGS WELL FOR ME, BUT—

IT WAS FINISHED AS A RING TO MATCH YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S MADE FROM THE AQUAMARINE OF OUR LAND.
SFX: HEAVY
YOUR HIGHNESS! TO ENSURE OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER CHANGES.
DIRECTLY TO YOUR HAND!!
SFX: HUFF, HUFF
IT'S NOT MY TASTE~~
BUT IF I CAN ACCEPT IT WITHOUT MY EXPRESSION CHANGING
WELL, I SHALL ACCEPT IT WITH GRATITUDE.
RE-REALLY?

SFX: GRAB
YES.
DI... DIRECTLY TO MY HAND!?
RATTLE
MISTRESS ELNAVISTA'S HANDS ARE SOFT~
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I KISSED THEM?
SFX: HUFF, HUFF
EEEK!!
MY GOODNESS!
HOW ABOUT IT?
WH, WHAT A BRAZEN THING TO DO
IMPOSSIBLE!!
IF I'M TOUCHED BY SOME GUY WITH SUCH AN OBVIOUS ULTERIOR MOTIVE
I'LL FAINT!!!

As we thought, Mistress Elnavista won't be able to follow in her parents footsteps.
She fell apart in front of her retainers at luncheon.
This country too...
is already done for.
まっ!
SFX: GLARE
I WILL BE BRAVE .!!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY...
I AM FOLLOWING IN FATHER AND MOTHER'S FOOTPRINTS
THERE'S NO WAY I'M TRYING
SFX: LOOMING
ズーン
ズーン
AH...
AAAHHH. IT'S, IT'S NO USE..
EXCUSE ME
SFX: CRACK

!!!
sparkle
sparkle
YOU
IT WAS JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART!
THERE IS NO EXCUSE!!
SFX: SPLASH
HOT
HOT
HEY
HOLD ON AREN'T YOU LISTENING TO ME AT ALL?
SFX: SHOCK
WH, WH-WH-WH-WH
WHY ARE YOU HEREEEEEE!!
AH, I GOT CAUGHT?

A short while before.
TODAY YOU WILL OBSERVE HER LADYSHIP'S LUNCHEON FOR ME.
THAT WOULD CERTAINLY TEACH ME SOMETHING.
BUT SHE SAID ONLY THE MAIDS COULD ENTER THERE. .
NOT. A. PROBLEM.
IT'LL BE OKAY IF WE MAKE YOU INTO A MAID?!?!?!!!
Ya ha ha ha haaa
GYAAAAAAA!!
SFX: RIP
EVEN THOUGH LADY NAOE SAID I WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT!!
OBVIOUSLY YOU GOT CAUGHT! YOU TRICKED ME!!

I MEAN, THE WAY YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING ME!
IT'S DISGUSTING! YOU STUPID PERVERT!
WHAT!?
SFX: TICKED OFF
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT WAS MY JOB!
I MEAN, WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO CRY, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE GRATEFUL!!!
WHAT!?
SFX: GRRR
I WAS NEVER ON THE VERGE OF CRYING!
YOU'RE GOING OVER-BOARD!
HUH? YOU WERE TREMBLING (WITH TEARS) WHEN YOU SAID IT!!
HMPH!
I WAS NOT TREMBLING!!!
NOW NOW YOU TWO, CALM DOWN...
FIGHTING
AFTER ALL, YOUR BAD FEEL-INGS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, RIGHT?

SHUT UP!!
YOU
カッ
EEEK...
They're the same!?
HII III II
GYAA AAAA AA
ガあっっ
SFX DASH
I DON'T LIKE SCARY GIRLS!
ヒュー
SFX ZIP
SC, SCARY

JEEZ! STUPID! IDIOT! MORON!
YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING ME AND LAUGHING AT ME MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF.
BECAUSE. OF. THAT. DIDN'T I JUST RESCUE YOU?
WHAT DID I SEE, MISS PRINCESS?
EVEN I ... I DON'T EVEN ...
SFX: CRYING
SFX: SWEATING
FIGHTING
FIGHTING
YOU ARE AN EVIL MAN.
.....

RIGHT?
ARCHDUKE?
YOU'RE AWFUL, LADY NAOE.
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN GETTING BETTER AND BETTER AT THIS GAME OF LATE?
DON'T PLAY DUMB.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT CHESS.

PUSHING THE PROTECTION OF YOUR OWN DAUGHTER OVER TO ME.
AND THEN THE TRAINING OF HER "SHADOW"... THINGS LIKE THAT.
YOU ARE AN EVIL MAN.
AM I A PERSON WHO DOES ONLY THE THINGS I THINK ARE FUN?
IT'S NOT JUST THAT I'VE SWORN ALLE-GIANCE TO EL-NAVISTA.
munch
munch
WELL, I WON THIS GAME, DIDN'T I?
SHALL WE PLAY ANOTHER ROUND?
"I DON'T DO ONLY THE THINGS I THINK ARE FUN", YOU SAY?
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN LEAVING THINGS UP TO YOU IS A GOOD PLAN.
WILL THAT TURN OUT WELL..., ENTRUSTING YOUR DAUGHTER TO SUCH A PERSON AND DYING YOURSELF?
WHAT...?
WHAT'S THAT? MY KING

YOU WILL THINK OF A SPECTACULAR MOVE, FIGHTING BACK AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS...
WILL THERE BE ANY MORE FUN TIMES?
YOU REALLY ARE AN EVIL MAN, AREN'T YOU?
.....
"FUN TIMES,"
EH?...
WELL, TO YOUR ROOM FOR NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS
COME ON, TESHIO AS WELL
.....

WHAT IS IT? ANOTHER COMPLAINT..
AH.., ERR.., PRIN-CESS..
.....
NO... ERR...
I WATCHED, BUT
IT IS FOR SURE
THAT YOU TRIED..
I...
I MIGHT HAVE HANDLED THINGS...
BADLY..
NO.
I AM SORRY.

I TRIED HARD!
エヘン!
AHEM
SO!! IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THAT'S GOOD!!
ERR..
..HEY PRIN-CESS?
PHEW
LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.
WELL THEN..

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TYPESETTER: YOSHIMATSU
QUALITY CONTROL: KPAPO YOSHI

G'MORNIN' MISS PRINCESS
...HUH!?
munch
munch
SO TIRED~~
TIME TO GREET M'LADY WHILE SHE'S TENDING TO HER MORNING DUTIES~~♪
Chapter 5
This is the Road a Ruler Must Take
HMM..
AH
GOOD MORN-ING.
TESHIO

ERR... AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY OWN FACE?
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN FORGET MY FACE...
ERR... SORRY, SORRY!!
IT LOOKED LIKE SOMEBODY SMARTER THAN YOUR NORMAL SELF
I DON'T HAVE ANY FREE TIME TO VISIT WITH YOU TODAY.
GRRR

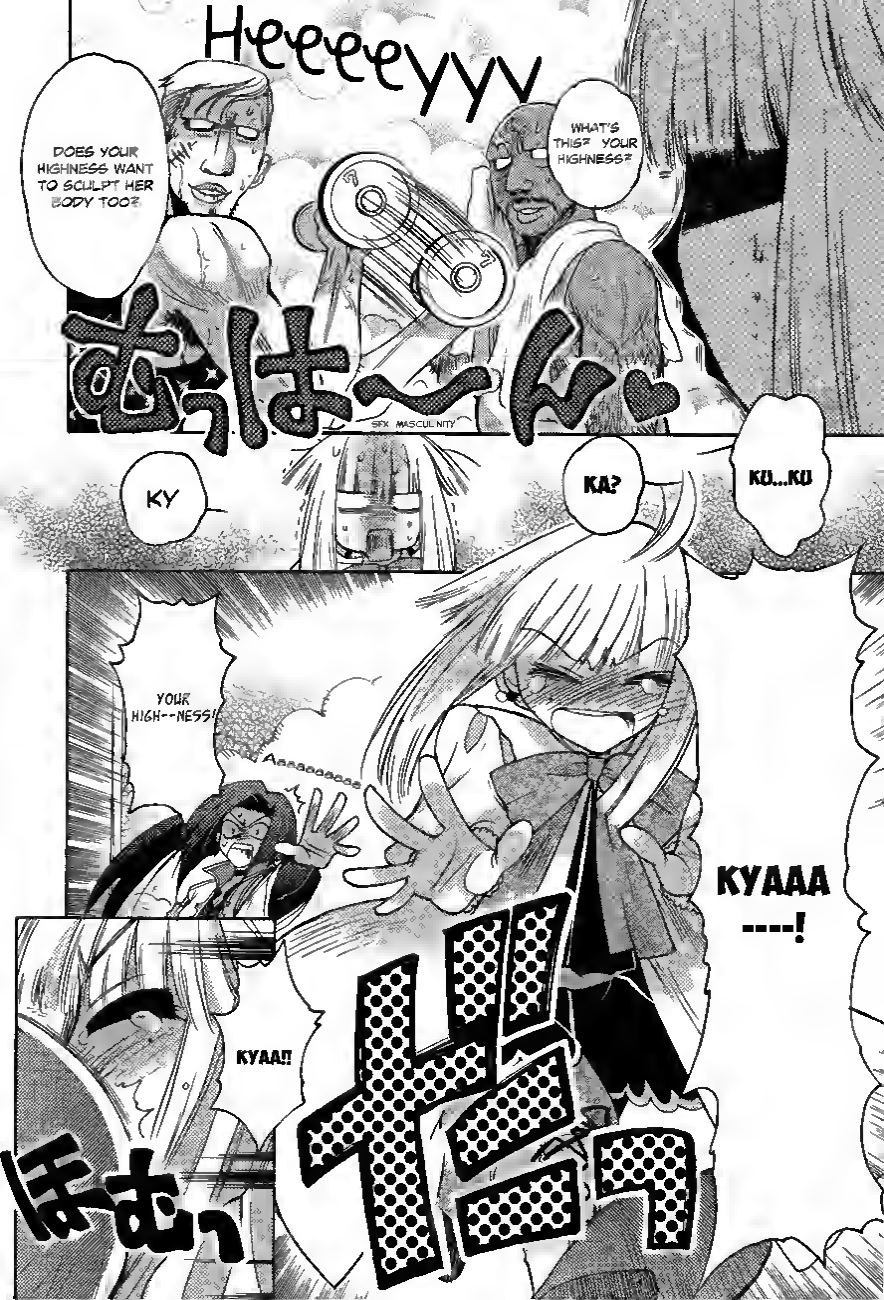
TOMORROW MY TEACHER WILL BE GIVING ME A TEST.
I HAVE TO STUDY ALL DAY TODAY
HUH..
IT WOULD DO YOU SOME GOOD TO READ THE BOOKS HERE AS WELL.
HMM?
DO YOU HATE BOOKS?
HATE, OR RATHER,
ERR...
I...
I CAN HARDLY READ THE LETTERS.

...PFFT!!!
HOW IS IT THAT TESHIO HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO READ?
YOU CAN'T BE MORE OF A KID THAN I AM!
Ah ha ha ha ha
Oh?
YOU'RE A KID! YOU'RE SUCH A KID!
Ah...
HEEY

AND I THOUGHT I WAS JUST TALKING BACK LIKE USUAL
WHAT THE?
MASTER TESHIO, DON'T LEAVE~~!
SLAM
ERR... YOUR HIGHNESS
IT CAN HARDLY BE HELPED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.
YES.
EH? REALLY?
WASN'T VERY GOOD EITHER WHEN I CAME TO THE COURT.
ACTUALLY, I
Because of the current ruler... the Grand Duke, things are better, but still...
DON'T JUMP OUT INTO THE CARRIAGE ROAD
You can't say this country's "literacy rate" is very high.

AH...
...I didn't know.
Even though... I am the next ruler...
Because nothing is written
In these books about such things...
.....
PULL OFF
I AM GOING TO APOLOGIZE TO TESHIO!!!

IF SO, CALL TESHIO BACK HERE.
WHY MUST I SUMMON HIM WHEN I'M SUPPOSED TO APOLOGIZE!?
MEI! COME AT ONCE!!
YE-
YES!
!?
SFX FRUSTRATED
...HE HAS TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!
GOOD GRIEF! IT'S RUDE WHEN THE PERSON YOU WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO ISN'T AROUND!
THAT ISN'T THE ATTITUDE OF SOMEBODY APOLOGIZING...
SFX CLATTER
SFX SAM
HERE!?


Heeeeeyyy
DOES YOUR HIGHNESS WANT TO SCULPT HER BODY TOO?
WHAT'S THIS? YOUR HIGHNESS?
むうはーん♡
SFX MASCULINITY
KY
KA?
KU...KU
YOUR HIGH--NESS!
Aaaaaaaaa
KYAAA ----!
KYAA!!
ほむっ
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YOUR HIGH-NESS
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
.....
.....?
shake shake shake shake
OF COURSE, IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO BE WITH GIRLS...
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TESHIO...?
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN JUST AS GOOD TO CALL HIM?
WHAT ERRAND BRINGS YOU THIS FAR?
N...NO. THAT IS... ERR
...AS FOR MASTER TESHIO, I WAS TOLD THAT HE WENT
WITH COMMANDER NAOE TO THE WATCHTOWER.

The
Watch-tower!?
SHAKE
WHY DID THEY GO THERE?
FOR HER HIGHNESS, THAT PLACE...
.....
SFX SUDDENLY
ばっ!
I'M GOING! ME!!!
EHHH!?
Wait~~~
WOW. LATELY HER HIGHNESS HAS BEEN REALLY LIVELY, DON'T YA THINK?
SHE'S REALLY HUSTLING AROUND
GRRR
RATHER THAN CALLING HER LIVELY,
SHE LOOKS DESPERATE TO ME

OOOHH-HH!
OH...
IN...
CREDIBLE!!
WE'RE SO HIGH UP!
AMAZING. I CAN SEE WAY OFF INTO THE DISTANCE!
SWOOSH
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM LOOKING AT THE MOUNTAINS FROM THE VALLEYS!
SWOOSH

In one shot, he got over his funk.
They have a saying in the orient; "Fools and smoke like high places."
huff
huff
BY THE WAY, THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS PLACE.
EH? WHAT IS IT~?
THAT IS, MISTRESS ELNA ISN'T JUST AFRAID OF MEN; BUT SHE'S AFRAID OF HEIGHTS AS WELL!
Ahahahaha
SHE REALLY IS PATHETIC!

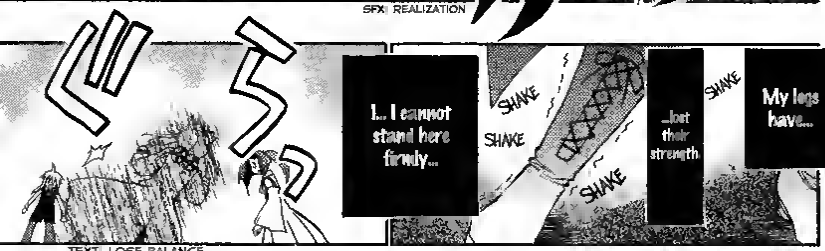
glance
ヒュオオオオ
SFX: WHOOSH
huff
huff
huff
UH IE EE EE
YOUR HIGHNESS, WHY ARE YOU PUSHING YOURSELF SO FAR?
shake
shake
shake

I...DO NOT LOOK GOOD FROM "BELOW".
MEI, FROM WHAT JUST HAPPENED, I REALIZED SOMETHING.
THAT'S WHY, IN ORDER TO FULLY SEE WHAT IS BELOW,
IT CAN'T BE HELPED WHEN YOU ARE IN AN IMPORTANT POSITION
WHEN YOU TALK FROM ABOVE ABOUT WATCHING THE WORK BELOW, YOU CAN SOUND PATRONIZING
YOU MUST FIRST CLIMB ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MEI?

YOUR HIGHNESS...
I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOUR HIGHNESS, NO MATTER WHAT FUTURE LIFE IT MAY BE!
CRY...CRYING WHILE CLIMBING, AND DECLARING SOMETHING SO OUTRAGEOUS ..
ERR... COMMANDER NAOE
BY ANY CHANCE, IS THAT THE AREA WHERE MY TOWN IS LOCATED?
...EH, YES IT IS.
DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK?
.....
SFX: RAM
ばん

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
UFF...
MADE IT!!!
EH...
PRIN-
LESS!?
OH
MY...
THI...THIS
IS A
REALLY
HIGH
PLACE.
AREN'T
YOU,
AFRAID
OF...
BUT
YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
HEIGHTS
Your face
is the color
of an
eggplant.
And worse... MEN.
HIGH PLACES.

SFX: REALIZATION



TEXT: LOSE BALANCE

GRAB
...
AH...

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……
ぐいっ
SFX: THUD
SO..., SORRY!
IT WAS SO SUDDEN.
AND I TOUCHED YOU.

YOUR... YOUR HIGHNESS? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
What... the?
BADUMP BADUMP....

WHENEVER A MAN TOUCHED ME BEFORE, I WOULD ALWAYS GET A HORRIBLE FEELING,
BADUMP
BADUMP
WHAT IS THIS...
Now...
it's the opposite...
OOH-~?
SFX. WHOOSH

I DIDN'T KNOW
THAT OUR COUN-TRY
WAS SO BEAUTIFUL!!
……

...EH?
I WANT TO TAKE BACK THOSE WORDS AND APOLOGIZE TO YOU.
WHAT I DID JUST NOW WAS INEXCUSABLE.
TESHIO
IT'S ABOUT YOUR LETTERS, ...DIDN'T I MAKE YOU LOOK SO SAD...?
..HAHA.. IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU PLAY DUMB.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AN APOL-OGY...?
THAT WASN'T SADNESS OR ANYTHING LIKE IT!
THAT MATTER?
HMM? AH...! AHH~
HEY, WE NEVER HAD ANYBODY AMAZING LIKE THAT IN OUR TOWN...
...HUH?
LONG AGO, A GUY WAS SENT TO OUR TOWN.
WE CALLED HIM OUR "TEACHER."

Though that guy tried to teach us how to read and write, all the time, I'd say...
"Why bother with that?"
You have to study!
Come back!
NO FRICK-IN WAY
Cows are the best♡
ha ha ha ha
And so I ignored my lessons and went out to play~
THAT TEACHER WAS A PAIN.
THAT'S WHAT I WAS REMEMBERING THEN.
I WAS A LITTLE TICKED...
WELL THEN, YOUR BEING BAD AT READING...
WASN'T THE COUNTRY'S FAULT BUT RATHER
DUE TO YOUR SKIPPING CLASS?
TEEHEE

Commander Naoe, help meeeee....

Elnavista is more than queen!
WHOA!!
So very beautiful wise, and soo great!
HAHA...
Hehehe
Give up Teshio?

There's a strange visitor in the Marias Duchy Castle.
GROWL
WHA...
THE FELLOW OVER IN THAT CORNER
SNORE
WHAT IS THAT?
AHH I'M NOT SURE
WHAT IT IS EITHER, BUT
FROM WHAT FATHER SAID,
A LIVING GOD.
THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS TO ME
WHAT IS IT, TESHIO?
A.. A LIVING GOD?
Yes, but
I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE EITHER.
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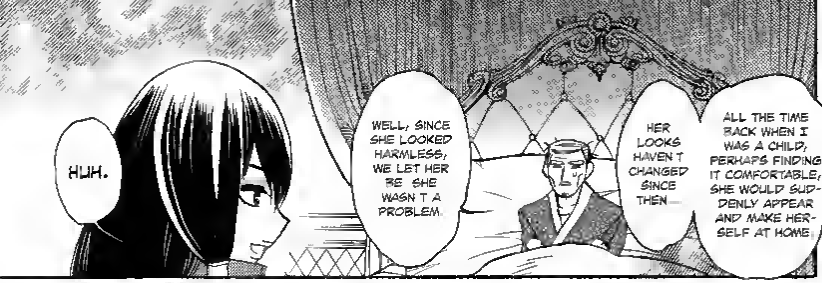

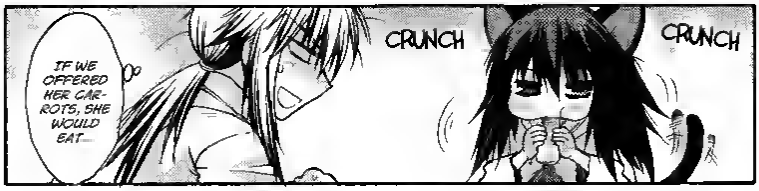

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へきかいのアイオーン

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詳しくはコレを読むべし！

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WE ARE UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR, NAGAYAMA TAMASE-SAN.
Nagayama-san has gone missing!?
Eh?
Brought his own cellphone
AS AN EXPERIMENT
RATHER AS IT IS, STILL NOT MEETING HIM, WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD.
EH!?
An afternoon New Year's party...
HE DIDN'T COME TODAY.
We even attended a New Year's party hoping to meet him
chat
chat
WHERE IS HE!?
I got worried
Is he a follower!?
AH
NAGAYAMA-SAN SAID "KAGEYAKI-SAN TWEETED THAT HER STOMACH WAS IN BAD SHAPE."

Teshio, Already テシオ、影として死す!?

dying as a Shadow!?

DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE FIT TO RULE LIKE THIS?
YO
WOULD YOU LIKE IT NICE AND SLOW, ELNAVISTA...
A... PRO-FESSIONAL ASSASSIN?
I'LL NEVER FOR-GIVE HIM!
Elna, in a huge rage!?
A suspicious maid, Rio makes her move too!!
GYYY

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